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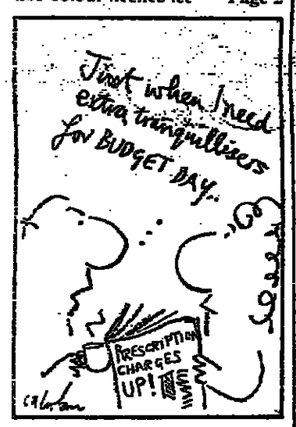
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### Swift Kremlin change after death of Chernenko

# Gorbachov takes office with plea for arms accord

**From Richard Owen, Moscow**

The Kremlin leadership underwent a swift and potentially drastic transformation in the course of a single day yesterday, with the death of President Chernenko at the age of 73 announced in the afternoon and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, aged 54, installed as the new leader by the evening.

In a speech to the Central Committee, Mr Gorbachov said Moscow wanted agreement with America at the Geneva arms talks which open today, observing: "The peoples of the world would sigh with relief". Russia wanted an end to missile deployments in space and on earth and a nuclear freeze. An agreement "on an honest and equitable basis" was the only reasonable way out", but it was up to America to understand Moscow's position and respond in kind.

Mr Gorbachov was elected at a speedily-convened emergency session of the Central Committee. He was nominated by MR andrei Gromyko, the veteran Foreign Minister, who although a member of the Kremlin "old guard", has long favoured a transition to Mr Gorbachov.

The funeralf Mr Chernenko will take place on Red Square tomorrow, and will provide an opportunity for foreign leaders to assess Mr Gorbachov at first hand.

In his speech he said his administration would pursue detente and "respond to goodwill with goodwill, to trust with trust. But everyone should know that we shall never waive the interest of our motherland or our allies".

Moscow also wanted good relations with Peking, and this was quite possible, "given reciprocity".

Soviet television showed Mr Gorbachov leading the Politburo at President Chernenko's lying-in-state at the Hall of Columns near Red Square, and comforting Mr Chernenko's relatives.


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The death of President Chernenko was announced "with deep sorrow" on television by a black-suited senior announcer at 1400 Moscow time after mounting speculation following the sudden recall of top Soviet party leaders from America, Yugoslavia and West Germany.

The statement said Mr Chernenko had died at 1920 Moscow time on Sunday, "after a grave illness". A medical report signed by Dr Yevgeny Chazov, the Politburo surgeoon and other Kremlin doctors, confirmed that Mr Chernenko had long suffered from emphysema, a lung complaint. It said he died of heart failure following the deterioration of his lungs and liver. His condition had been worsened by chronic hepatitis which developed into cirrhosis.

In an address to the Soviet people, the Kremlin called on Russians to "rally even closer round the party in its hour of grave loss". There was regret but little grief at the passing of Mr Gnernenko, who ruled for just over a year, coupled with expectation that the reform-minded Mr Gorbachov would revive far-reaching innovations begun by President Andropov before his death last year.

Mr Chernenko's death occurred on the eve of the new Geneva arms talks, but Soviet officials said the Soviet-American dialogue would continue as planned. Diplomats said the return to dialogue was the main achievement of Mr Chernenko's 13 months in power.

A Kremlin obituary described Mr Chernenko as an outstanding figure and a consistent fighter for the triumph of the ideals of communism and pace on earth from his peasant origins in the Krasnoyarsk region of Siberia to high office in the Kremlin. He had been a "responsive and demanding leader sensitive to the needs of working people".

Speculation about the Soviet leader's health mounted during his absence in January and February, and was strengthened rather than reduced when the Kremlin tried to allay anxieties by showing television film of Mr Chernenko during and after local elections at the end of last month.

Even though the film was heavily edited, he apprared weak and ill. He missed the gala meeting at the Bolshoi last Thursday, and Mr Gorbachov –

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Mr Gorbachov: Hasty election by Central Committee

## Regret, but no grief, in the streets

**From Richard Owen**
**Moscow**

**"Poor Man", said a heavily muffled middle-aged lady at a bus stop near the Moscow River. "They should have let him retire long ago."**

**There was a mood of regret mingled with pity on the streets of a crisp and sunny Moscow yesterday, but no surprise and no public outpouring of grief. Mr Chernenko's deterioration had been so prolonged and so painfully visible, that it had been long expected.**

**It was the third time in as many years that Muscovites had woken to funereal music on the radio.**

**For many Russians the decisive moment came two weeks ago when in an effort to reassure the world the Kremlin staged an elaborate farce posing an enfeebled Mr Chernenko on television casting his vote in the local Soviet elections, though not at a public polling station, and subsequently receiving his credentials as a parliamentary deputy.**

**He could scarcely wheeze his thanks, or hold the bunch of red carnations given to him by overly solicitous officials.**

**Yesterday the thoughts of most Muscovites were on the future rather than the past. "What we need is a young and vigorous boss", a fresh-faced fur-hatted policeman on a snow-lined avenue said, raising his clenched fist in anticipation of the appointemt of Mikhail Gorbachov, aged 54.**

**The expectation is that Mr Gorbachov will at last open up the country to badly needed reforms, but there is also a deeply engrained pessimism at the real prospects for change in a country weighed down by**

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## Thatcher to attend Moscow funeral

**By Julian Haviland, Political Editor**

The Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, will fly to Moscow today to attend Mr Chernenko's funeral, accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, and Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democrats, have accepted invitations to travel on her aircraft, which will leave London after Mrs Thatcher has answered questions in the Commons this afternon.

Yesterday Mrs Thatcher sent a condolence message to the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov. A statement from 10 Downing Street said Mrs Thatcher had learned with regret of the death of Mr Chernenko, whose loss had "deprived the Soviet Union of an experienced leader". Mrs Thatcher's only meeting with Mr Chernenko was during her visit to Moscow in February, 1984 to attend the funeral of his predecessor, Mr Yuri Andropov.

The emergence as party leader of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov received wide, though cautious approval at Westminster from numerous politicians who met him during his visit to Britain last December.

Mrs Thatcher said after discussions with the Soviet visitor: "I like Mr Gorbachov. We can do business together."

She added: "We both believe iour own political systems. We are never going to change one another. But we have two great interests in common: that we should do everything we can to see that war never starts again, and therefore we go into the disarmament talks determined to make them succeed.

"And secondly, I think we both believe that they are the more likely to succeed if we can build up confidence in one another."

Mr Kinnock described Mr Gorbachov as "fluent, amiable, bright, up-to-date in a lot of his attitudes, tough, someone you can enjoy having an argument with".

Dr Owen has said he would welcome Mr Gorbachov's emergence.

A debate on the desire of Britain and other Western democracies to seek better relations with the Soviet Union, which was to have taken place

**Those attending the funeral**

**UN: Sec-Gen Perez de Cuellar**
**W Germany: Chancellor Kohl**
**Austria: Chancellor Sinowatz**
**Finland: President Koivisto**
**India: Prime Min Rajiv Gandhi**
**Pakistan: President Zia**
**Italy: President Pertini**

in the House of Lords tomorrow, has been postponed until April 22, because of President Chernenko's death.

● **WASHINGTON:** The Reagan Administration said yesterday that it would pursue a "patient, consistent and realistic" policy towards the Soviet Union under Mr Gorbachov's leadership (Christopher Thomas writes).

The White House announced that the vice-president, Mr George Bush, will head the US delegation to Mr Chernenko's funeral. He hopes to meet Mr Gorbachov. Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, will also attend.

The Administration said: "Opportunities for genuine peace and for progress in US-Soviet relations exist and we will do our part to bring that about. We would like to count on Soviet willingness to work with us to that end".

## Business as usual in Geneva

**From Nicholas Ashford**
**Brussels**

The American approach to the arms control talks which open in Geneva today would be one of "business as usual", Mr Richard Burt, the top US official for European and Soviet affairs, said in Brussels yesterday after the death of President Chernenko was announced.

Speaking after a special briefing session for op Nato officials on US negotiating strategy at Geneva, Mr Burt said he was confident that the Soviyet delegation would be able to proceed in a businesslike manner.

"We hope that the Soviet approach at the negotiations will be realistic and flexible."

Nato officials expressed satisfaction that the talks would not be delayed by Mr Chernenko's death, they believed that the Soviet Union's strategy had been worked out some time ago and was based on the expectation that his death was imminent.

The death announcement coincided with a carefully orchestrated move by the US and its Nato allies to present a united front at today's opening session in Geneva.

In the morning the Nato council received a detailed briefing from Mr Max Kempelman, head of the American delegation, on how the US intended to approach negotiations. He was accompanied by his two partners, Mr John Tower and Mr Maynard Glitman.

Afterwards the council issued a statement expressing broad support for the approach.

However, according to one Nato source, some European officials present expressed concern about the effect which the Administration's determination to press ahead with its space defence research programme might have on the outcome of the talks.

In the afternoon Mr Burt and Mr Glitman held a separate briefing session with Nato's special consultative group on intermediate-range nuclear weapons (INF) of which Mr Burt is chairman. The group expressed full support for the US approach in seeking the reduction and eventual elimination of INF missiles.

The opening position of the Americans at Geneva will essentially be the one it held when the Soviet Union walked out of the previous INF talks in 1983, but Mr Burt emphasized that there was "a lot of elbow room for flexibility".

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## NHS drug and dental charges up

**By Nicholas Timmins**

**Prescription charges are to rise by 40p to £2 from April 1 with a 28 per cent increase in income from dental charges and with charges for National Health Service pay beds rising by 14 per cent on average.**

**The announcement by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, brought shouts of "disgraceful" and "resign" from the opposition in the House of Commons.**

**The 25 per cent prescription charge increase, at five times the rate of inflation, means the charge has risen tenfold since the Conservatives took office in 1979.**

**Pharmacists yesterday estimated that, with the average cost of an NHS prescription at £4.50, those who pay the £2 prescription charge will be paying the full cost or more than the full cost for at least a quarter of their medicines.**

**Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's chief social services spokesman said: "That is a real tax on the sick. Making people pay more than the real cost of their prescriptions is getting the sick to subsidise the NHS."**

**Dental charges are being restructured to increase income from £172 million this year to £221 million next year – a 28.4 per cent increase.**

**The charge for routine treatment rises from a maximum of £14.50 to £17, but from April 1 patients will have to pay two-fifths of any extra cost above that figure.**

**As result, charges for more complex treatments such as crowns, dentures, inlays and bridges will rise by smaller percentages of between six and 10 per cent.**

**Exemptions for both prescription and dental charges remains the same, with just under half of all courses of dental treatment provided free.**

**Pay bed charges rise by an average of 14 per cent, but with wide variations by type of hospital. A single room in a provincial non-teaching hospital will now cost £120 a day, an increase of nine per cent. But pay beds in teaching hospitals rise by between 18 and 19 per cent to £166 a day in London and £137 a day outside.**

**Pay beds in the Hospital for Sick Children and the National Heart and Chest Hospitals rise by 31 per cent to £253 a day, but the other London post-graduate hospitals rise by only 9.5 per cent to £183 a day. Charges for tests also rise significantly, often by 20 per cent or more.**

## Pound gains 1.87 cents on weak dollar

The pound rose by nearly two cents against a shaky dollar yesterday, David Smith writes. The dollar fell against all currencies as doubts emerged over US economic growth and the expected surge in interest rates there. The pound's rise has added to hopes of an early base rate cut.

The pound was generally strong, the sterling index gaining 0.5 to 71.6. The dollar, in addition to losing 1.87 cents to $1.0880 against the pound, fell 5½ pfennings to DM3.3385 against the mark.

Producer price figures for Britain showed a disturbing increase in inflationary pressures, mainly due to the pound's earlier weakness.

Manufacturing industry's material and fuel costs rose by 1.2 per cent last month, and were up by 9.5 per cent on a year earlier. Excluding the food, drink and tobacco industries, the 12-month rise to February was 14.6 per cent, the biggest for three years.

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## Egyptians spend £313m for control of Harrods

**By Philip Robinson**

**Three Egyptian brothers had by last night spent £313 million buying enough shares in the stock market to gain control of Harrods, the Knightsbridge store and flagship of the House of Fraser group.**

**Messrs Muhamed, Salah and Ali Al-Fayed last week offered to buy the 102-store chain for £615 million cash, and gained directors' agreement for the bid. They had bought a third of the Fraser shares from Lonrho, the international mining, hotel and casino group, which had been warring with Fraser for seven years. But they were barred from further purchases until yesterday.**

**The Al-Fayed brothers still have to be cleared by the Government before they can become the new owners of Fraser.**

**Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is expected to make a statement tomorrow on whether the bid will be referred to the Monopolies Commission. A reference is thought unlikely.**

**The Al-Fayeds made their bid through a UK investment vehicle, Alfayed Investment and Trust (UK) which clinched control with a stock market share buying spree which added almost 32.4 million shares at 403.5p each.**

**One of the first stakes it picked up through the market was 9.6 million shares owned by Lonrho, from which it had bought the original 29.9 per cent holding for £138 million. Lonrho made a £10 million profit on yesterday's deal.**

**Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, said: "We sold the shares because we thought there was a strong possibility that the Egyptians' bid would be referred to the Monopolies Commission."**

**Lonhro has kept a token 50,000 shares and says it might yet make a bid.**

**Under Al-Fayed ownership it is expected that Professor Roland Smith, Fraser's non-executive chairman, will be appointed chief executive and that his salary will be doubled to £100,000 a year.**

**Professor Smith said "The 25,000 people employed in House of Fraser now deserve a period of quiet."**

**Little detail is known of the Al-Fayed world-wide business interests. The company bidding for Fraser was formed for that purpose.**

**The Al-Fayeds own the Ritz Hotel in Paris, and property in Park Lane, Rockefeller Plaza in New York; and in the Champs Elysees. Other interests include a small stake in a Texas corporation.**

# Israelis kill 30 in raid on Lebanon village

**From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem**

The Israeli Army stormed a Shia Muslim village just north of its new front line and killed at least 30 people, whom a terse official communiqué later described only as "terrorists" who had died during "searches".

The huge operation, which was reported to have included the use of helicopters, was the biggest launched by Israel since the siege of Beirut in 1982. Inevitably it was seen as bloody retaliation for the 12 Jewish soldiers killed by a Muslim suicide bomber on Sunday, although no mention of this was made in the army communique. The 10-line communique, which attemped no explanation about the circumstances of the killings, claimed that the swoop on the village of Zrariye, north west of Tyre, was "carried out in the wake of attacks from this sector, as well as reports of preparations for terrorist activities against our troops".

The attack, which was punctuated by extensive gunfire and explosions, led to the fourth Israeli clash in a fortnight with the official Lebanese Army, 10 of whose sodiers were captured. Last night, the Israeli Army spokesman had no information about what would happen to them.

The timing and ruthless ferocity of the operation, in which it was claimed that "large numbers of suspects were caught and large quantities of material seized", was designed to make clear that the so-called "iron fist" policy in Lebanon will continue, not only unabated but intensified.

Stunned by a grim succession of 12 military funerals yesterday afternoon, the Israeli public appeared in little mood to question the facts behind the killing of so many Lebanese villagers. The bald fact of their deaths was issued by the Army at a time when the nation was in mourning.

● **Beirut:** The clash between the armies yesterday was the second at Zrariye (our Correspondent writes).

Two others occurred to the north, where the Israeli Army faces a Lebanese army unit in the village of Kawthariet as-Sayyad. Both villages are in the area vacated by Israelis on February 16 in the first phase of its pullback from south Lebanon.

Members of Amal and other militias in the south do not believe Israel's pledge to withdraw and have stepped up attacks on the occupation force in recent weeks to drive it out of their country.

Journalists were blocked from entering Zrariye during the fighting, and radios said that five journalists narrowly escaped injury when an Israeli Merkava tank fired once in their direction as they moved toward the village.

Villagers who fled said the shelling began at 11pm Sunday night and that the Israeli armoured advance began at "first light" yesterday.

The Israelis raiding party left Zrariye shortly after 4 pm and villagers said they took about 150 men away with them in two buses and a truck.

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### Pressure grows for quick pullout

**Pressure is growing both within the Israeli Government and with the public for the withdrawal of all Israeli troops from Lebanon to be drastically speeded up (Christopher Walker writes).**

**Six left-wing MPs have tabled motions calling for immediate or early withdrawal, and two Cabinet ministers, Ezer Weizman and Mr Amon Rubinstein, made similar calls yesterday.**

## NCB presses for an end to overtime ban

**By David Felton, Labour Correspondent**

The National Coal Board last night increased the pressure on miners to end their 16-month overtime ban with the despatch to pitmen's homes of a letter from Mr Ian MacGregor in which the board chairman repeats the warning that there will be no pay rises until the ban is lifted.

As pits return to normal working with the end of the strike, the board is concerned that up to 18 per cent of the normal 2 million tonnes a week of production will be lost by continuation of the overtime ban, which largely affects vital weekend maintenance work.

About 1,800 miners at three pits in Lancashire were sent home yesterday because the overtime ban had prevented repairs to equipment over the weekend. Overtime was worked in Nottinghamshire for the first since the ban started, and most pits in the coalfield were working normally yesterday.

Mr MacGregor said in his letter to the 186,000 miners: "Now that the strike is over every effort must be made to restore harmony within the industry, so that we can resume our respective responsibilities to ourselves, our families, our communities, and the industry that sustains us".

While asking for co-operation in ensuring safety underground, the coal board chairman made clear that the 5.2 per cent pay offer made in October 1983 would not be honoured until the overtime ban was lifted. A 5.2 per cent increase has already

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# Rate-cap fiasco deals blow to Livingstone's Parliament hope

By Rupert Morris

Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, was taking steps yesterday to head off a hard-left backlash which could thwart his parliamentary ambitions in the wake of Sunday night's rate-capping fiasco at County Hall.

Mr Livingstone's supporters were telephoning Labour members in Brent East, where the GLC leader is confident of winning a reselection contest for the seat held by Mr Reg Freeson, to explain his position over rate-capping.

Since Mr Freeson announced last week that he would not be contesting the Brent East seat as the official Labour candidate, Mr Livingstone, who has been building up support in the constituency, has faced growing doubts about his leftist credentials: he has already lost the support of the far-left Socialist Organizer faction, and there are other hard-left groups understood to be looking for an alternative candidate.

Although Miss Diane Abbott, a GLC press officer, is the most widely publicized rival to Mr Livingstone, there are others who might win hard-left support, including Mr Chris St Hill, a councillor from Islington.

Brent Broad Left, a group of mainstream Labour supporters, is known to be sceptical about Mr Livingstone. It distrusts his links with far left groups such as

There is a further possibility that Mr Freeson, though he has lost the support of local Labour activists, might stand as an independent and win enough votes to thwart Mr Livingstone and let in the Conservative candidate. Labour won Brent East with a 6,000 majority over the Conservatives in 1983.

Sunday's vote, when the GLC eventually agreed a 1985-86 rate about 2.5p in the pound lower than the Government's rate-capped limit, was described by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, as "utterly destroying Ken Livingstone's credibility as a political leader."

# Print staff set to do the work of journalists

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

The National Union of Journalists has conceded the crucial principle of National Graphical Association recognition in editorial departments.

An internal memorandum written by Mr Jacob Ecclestone, deputy general secretary of the journalists' union, to the national executive, effectively admits that a breach of NUJ territory at *The News*, Portsmouth, will have to be accepted.

An emergency resolution from journalists' leaders to the union's annual delegate meeting later this month, will however, seek to limit the encroachment of the NGA, a hardline craft union.

The NUJ will urge, delegates to their conference to sign new technology agreements by-passing, if necessary, traditional type-setting functions of association members. This constitutes a formal "declaration of war" on the NGA.

More than 70 NUJ members have been dismissed at *The News* for refusing to accept a new technology agreement which allowed for the transfer of NGA members to sub-editing duties and the recognition of their union.



**Deep-freeze baby: Britain's first frozen embryo baby, Gregory Martyn Jackson with his happy parents, Janet, aged 34, and Tony, aged 35. The child who weighed 6lb and 8oz when he was born at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, on Friday, was conceived by the test-tube method at Bourn Hall in Cambridgeshire and spent the first three months at embryo stage inside a deep frozen tank of liquid nitrogen. Mrs Jackson and her husband had been trying unsuccessfully for eight years to have a child before seeking the help of Cambridgeshire doctors Patrick Steptoe and Robert Edwards.**

# Genetic print gives key to identity

By Pearce wright
Science Editor

Improvements in the treatment of inherited diseases, a precise test for establishing maternity and paternity, and the most accurate procedure for personal identification since fingerprinting was perfected have been make possible by the discovery of a genetics research team.

Smears of blood or other body fluids can now be analysed to provide a genetic "fingerprint" from which doctors may obtain a better insight into the illness of patients, and forensic scientists a unique key to indentity.

The discovery, reported in *Nature*, depends upon what are called "hypervariable minisatellitic" regions in human DNA, or the strand of material in the chromosomes in every cell of the body that contains a full set of the thousands of genes, which give each person their biological individuality.

According to Dr Alec Jeffreys and Mrs Victoria Wilson, at Leicester University, and Dr Swee Lay Thein, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, everyone has small segments (minisatellites) of certain compositions of DNA dotted about the chromosomes. But the pattern is so varied (hypervariable) that any particular combination of the segments is as unique as a fingerprint.

More importantly, analysis of the DNA shows the molecular biologist where abnormalities might exist giving rise to illness.

The method of analysing the DNA was tested on seven men and seven women, who were all unrelated. Each person was clearly indentified.

# BBC chief senses defeat on £65 fee

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

Mr Alasdair Milne, the Director-General of the BBC, conceded for the first time in public last night that the corporation faced the possibility of losing its battle for a rise in the colour licence fee from £46 to £65.

In a speech in Scotland, issued at short notice to the Press Mr Milne said that public service broadcasting could change beyond recognition within the lifetime of this Parliament.

"The enormous care that has gone into this application is making, or should make, it very difficult for the Government to arrive at an arbitrary figure below £65 that is based on only one overriding political assumption - namely that such a sum will not provoke too much opposition" Mr Milne said. "There can be no doubt whatever that if there were a considerable shortfall the BBC would find itself compelled to make substantial cuts in both its radio and television services."

Mr Milne said that the public discussion of future broadcasting policy was fraught with ambiguity. "Politicians are at best wary of the influence of broadcasting, which in terms of public opinion they cannot afford to control directly, but over whose money supply they can exert direct legislative and executive action.

"They are themselves far too busy and wrapped up in the political process to form first - hand opinions on the standard of programmes or to understand thoroughly what the real connection is between broadcasting finance and programme quality."

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# NUM politics in the balance

By David Felton,
Labour Correspondent

Post-strike strains are likely to test the structure of the National Union of Mineworkers as the union enters the most critical period in its 41-year history.

Pressures in the Midlands coalfields, where men worked during the 51-week dispute, could well produce a change in the political balance of the union's 25-man executive as working miners express their disenchantment with the way the strike was conducted by the national leadership.

Voting in delayed elections for the executive is about to start and further ballots to elect delegates to the NUM's policy-making conference could also mark a shift to the right in what is predominantly a left-wing body.

The annual conference, which will meet in Sheffied for two days in July, is the supreme body within the union and has been a power base for Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president, because of its composition of union activists.

Answerable to the 123 delegates at the conference is the national executive on which sit representatives of the union's 19 geographical and craft areas. The larger areas, such as Yorkshire, South Wales and Nottinghamshire, send more than one representative to the executive and, in addition to the 24 members, Mr Scargill sits on the executive with a casting vote and Mr Peter Heathfield, the general secretary, who does not have a vote.

There are three elected national officials, Mr Scargill and Mr Heathfield who are voted into office at a secret individual pithead ballot, and the vice-president, Mr Michael McGahey, who is elected every two years by the executive. Most members of the executive come up for election every two years, although some area rules allow for representatives to sit on the executive until retirement.

The NUM has a federal structure which gives individual areas a large amount of autonomy, although in the case of a dispute between the national and area leadership, the local area should give way. This is the point that is crucial to the Nottinghamshire area's decision to break away from the national union by a refusal to accept the sovereignty of the national rule book.

Each area has a president, general secretary and an executive, elected by branch or "lodge" meetings at each pit. Voting for the national and local executives and local officials is by show of hands at branch meetings.

Lodge meetings are held at pits or miners' welfares, usually on a monthly basis to discuss local issues of production, industrial relations and safety.

Pressures for changes in the NUM leadership has so far been centred on the Nottinghamshire area which has two officials, Mr David Prendergast and Mr Roy Lynk, standing by to take the seats of the area's current representatives on the national executive. The decision by the Nottinghamshire area yesterday to dismiss Mr Henry Richardson, the left-wing general secretary, was the first step in that process.

Grassroots revolts against the current leadership could, however, be countered by moves by the left, which has a nominal 13-11 majority on the national executive, to change the method of representation leading to the executive having an in-built 11-7 advantage.

# The Queen calls for youth links

By Alan Hamilton

**The Queen appealed for more contact between young people in the Commonwealth in her annual Commonwealth Day message read in schools and at religious services in 49 countries throughout the world yesterday.**

**As head of the Commonwealth, the Queen chose International Youth Year as her theme. "Modern communications and technology provide more opportunities each year which we should all seize so as to get to know one another better, thus helping to avoid misunderstandings. Such contacts among you, the youth of the Commonwealth, are a vital element in creating understanding and tolerance between different peoples and countries."**

**The Commonwealth, the Queen said, was "founded on a combination of idealism and realism, on a spirit of service and on practical help."**

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# Training boost for technology skills

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The Government is creating a package of measures designed to boost youth training and to make up the shortfall in skills in the high technology industries.

The measures, some which may be part of the Budget, will make funds and resources available so that industry can play a bigger role in financing training than at present. The British record in this area of industrial training is extremely poor compared with our main commercial competitors.

Britain spends about £2.5 billion a year on in-company training and education compared with Germany's £5 billion, Japan's £20 billion and the United States's £60 billion. In Japan the average large company spends between 3 per cent and 5 per cent of its turnover on education and training. In Britain the figure is below 1 per cent.

In the past 12 months the National Economic Development Office, the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology and even the advisers of the Department of Trade and Industry have called the Government's attention to the trade deficit in the high technology sector - now more than £2 billion a year - and the skills shortfall of about 5,000 technicians/engineering graduates.

The money for the training package is supposed to be catalytic and should encourage industry to match the government investment. This formula was first mooted in a report published last year by a committee led by a junior industry minister Mr John Butcher.

His eport on the shortage of engineers in British industry - particularly the Information Technology (IT) sector of computers and telecommunications - recommended partnerships between industry and the educational establishment to enhance educational opportunities.

That idea has been taken up already by two technologically-based education centres.

# Teachers switch to no-strike union

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The smallest teachers' union, which has a no-strike policy, disclosed yesterday that its membership had been rising since the start early last month of industrial action by teachers.

The Professional Association of Teachers (PAT) said that its membership stood at 30,847. Mr Peter Dawson, general secretary, said the numbers rose by 502 last week.

The week in which the association recruited most members - 903 - was the second in February, at the start of the disruptive action by the biggest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers (NUT).

Yesterday the NUT wrote to Newcastle on Tyne education authority giving it until noon on Friday to withdraw a letter saying teachers would have money deducted for refusing to cover for absent colleagues. If it is not withdrawn, the union will go to the High Court for a declaration that the action is illegal.

# NCB increases pressure for end to overtime ban

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been paid to pit deputies and colliery managers.

The last two pits to return to work, Comrie and Polmaise in Scotland, are due to resume production this morning.

Yesterday it became known that Mr Michael McGahey, vice-president of the National Union of Mineworkers, was attacked near his Edinburgh home on Friday night, suffering facial and body cuts, and bruising. His glasses were also smashed in the assault by two men.

● Hundreds of men walked out at Betteshanger Colliery, Kent, again yesterday, after the coal board refused to let miners who had been dismissed inspect the mine.

An NCB spokesman said: "Tempers were a bit frayed and the whole atmosphere was threatening.

# MacGahey hurt in attack by two men

By Staff Reporters

Mr Michael McGahey, president of the Scottish miners and vice-president of the National Union of Mineworkers, is recovering at home in Edinburgh after being attacked by two unidentified men.

The assault, which left Mr McGahey badly shaken and bruised, took place last Friday evening, after he had returned from talks in Perth with Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party.

Mr McGahey's eyes were blackened, his nose damaged, and ribs kicked as he fell to the ground during the attack.

"I honestly think they were a couple of hit men sent to do a job on me," he said yesterday.

The assault was not reported, but Lothian and Borders police said that they would be sending an officer to see Mr McGahey.

Mr Albert Wheeler, director of the National Coal Board in Scotland, said that he was saddened by the news. "It is a disgrace that anyone attempting to do his job should be subjected to any form of violence".

At Comrie colliery, Fife, yesterday, about 500 men were turned away from the main gates by management, refusing to allow miners who had been dismissed into the pit.

● Mr Gordon Fjaelberg, a South Wales miner, decided to stay at home yesterday after complaining of threats to his life and attacks on his home at Beddall.

Police also confirmed that 12 people, mainly women, had been reported for alleged criminal offences outside the smokeless fuel plant at Aberdare, Mid-Glamorgan, where Mr Paul Watson has been the target for attacks.

● 235 miners at the flooded Polkemmet colliery, Whitburn, West Lothian, have accepted voluntary redundancy, and a further 100 have been voluntarily transferred.

# Foyer music saved by sponsorship

By Our Arts Correspondent

The National Theatre's foyer music events have been saved by private sponsorship from the accountancy firm Arthur Andersen and a grant from the Office of Arts and Libraries.

The grant, totalling £30,000, brought the Arts Minister Lord Gowrie, and the director of the National Theatre Sir Peter Hall together yesterday for the first time since the public dispute between them about the present level of arts grants which has led to cuts at the theatre.

Sir Peter, who shook Lord Gowrie's hand at the Arthur Andersen offices and said he did not want to score political points, described the meeting as convival, and said he was enormously grateful for the grant.

"The National Theatre isn't opposed to private sponsorship. We know we live in a mixed economy, we know we must get as much sponsorship as possible. I hope very much, minister, that when we come next year with our begging bowls we shan't be given £30,000 less," he said.

Lord Gowrie cited the grant, and one by Arthur Anderson to the Courtauld Institute of Art, to named one of its new galleries in Somerset House, as an example of how the new Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme can help the arts.



**Mr Ronnie Gorlin (left) and Arthur Anderson, with Sir Peter Hall (centre) and Lord Gowrie yesterday.**

# Magistrates are mugs fan says

A man who brought a Football League match to a halt when he ran on to the pitch and pushed the referee yesterday called the magistrates who bound him over for causing a breach of the peace "mugs".

Donald Barrett, aged 22, of Thornton Heath, south-east London, spoke after being bound over in the sum of £100 for a year at Croydon Magistrates' Court, where the magistrate heard how he ran on to the pitch during Saturday's second division match between his team Crystal Palace and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Barrett had attacked Mr David Axcell, the referee, after he thought his team should have been awarded a penalty. The game was stopped while stewards and police escorted him from the ground.

# £480,000 left by pool girl

Miss Cathy Pelly, who died aged 16 while taking a nude swim at Darlington Hall school, left an estate of £480,000, it was disclosed yesterday. She had not made a will, but her mother, Mrs Joanna Pelly, has been granted probate over the money.

Miss Pelly was the granddaughter of Clarks shoe millionaire, Mr Tony Clark. An inquest jury returned an open verdict on her death.

# Band scrapped

Merseyside's Labour-controlled council yesterday voted to disband its police band after councillors were told it was costing the authority nearly £½ million a year.

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# Hailsham drops appeal ban in justice Bill

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, has bowed to opposition over his plan to end an individual's right of appeal when refused leave to challenge a decision of a government body in the courts.

He was forced to withdraw the original proposal, contained in the Administration of Justice Bill, after widespread criticism from peers of all parties, led by Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls.

When the Bill comes before the Lords on Thursday, peers will be able to consider a compromise formula, which retains a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal as a long-stop.

The Lord Chancellor's original plan, intended to ease the Court of Appeal's workload, was that individuals refused leave by the High Court to challenge an administrative decision by way of judicial review, would no longer have a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal.

Now he is proposing that where the High Court refuses leave, the individual can go to a divisional court presided over by a Court of Appeal judge. Where that court refuses leave, the individual can go as a final resort to the Court of Appeal, provided he obtains leave to do so either from that court or the divisional court.

Under the compromise formula it will be harder for individuals to reach the Court of Appeal to put their case than at present. But the right to go the higher court will be preserved, so the proposal may stand a better chance of being accepted

# Government attacked on power costs

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

**The Electricity Consumers' Council says that governments proposals to make electricity dearer are contrary to consumers' interests.**

**The proposals likely to be confirmed in next weeks' Budget, are contrary to electricity boards' legal duty to make the price of electricity, cheaper the council says, will weaken the industry's freedom to operate as a commercial business.**

**The proposals repeal the statutory obligation on the boards to break-even and replace it with legally base financial target.**

**The Government also proposes to convert the electricity supply industry's reserves into goverments debt on which interest or dividend would be paid to the Treasury.**

**The change will also affect the gas industry. Miss Sheila Black, chairman of the National Gas Consumers' Council, said: "It is impossible to escape the suspicion that the proposals are, at least in part, designed to enable government to milk cash from profitable nationalized industries, particularly gas electricity, if necessary by forcing up prices beyond a commercially viable level."**

# Havers may act over Nilsen book

By Our Political Correspondent

Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, said last night that he would consider a prosecution of Jonathan Cape, the publishers, under the Obscene Publications Act 1959, over the book on the Dennis Nilsen killings.

*Killing for Company: The Case of Dennis Nilsen*, by Brian Masters was referred to the Attorney General in a Commons written question from Dr Brian Mawhinney, Conservative MP for Peterborough, who called for the prosecution of author and publishers.

The book, published last month, relates the story of the murder of 15 young men, some of whose corpses were disposed of by being chopped up and flushed down a lavatory.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.00; Greece Dr 150; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf Norway Kr 9.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland B Frs 2.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 160

# Head defends pupil wives

The right of married teenage schoolgirls to continue their education was defended by a headmaster when Sarah MacCormick, aged 16 started at his comprehensive school in Norwich yesterday.

The girl accepted a place at the school to study O levels when she was suspended from her private school, the Lonsdale in Norwich, after returning with a wedding ring two weeks ago. Yesterday she travelled by car with her husband, Paul, aged 21, a double glazing assembler, to the Hewett Comprehensive School in Norwich.

Dr Walter Roy, headmaster of the school, said that is was not the first time the school had had a married pupil. "I cannot believe that in 1985 the fact a girl is married is causing such a fuss.

# Driving ban on TV actor

Steven Pacey, the actor who played the character Tarrant in in the television series *Blake's Seven*, was banned from driving for 18 months yesterday after admitting a drink driving charge, and was fined £200.

Magistrates at Hendon in London were told that Pacey, aged 27, was arrested two days after his break-up with Glynis Barber, the actress, star of television's *Dempsey and Makepeace*.

Police Constable Derrick Williams said Pacey was stopped in his Daimler Sovereign car at 2.20 am on January 30, and a breath test later gave a reading of 93 milligrams, more than double the legal limit.

Mr David Swede, for the defence, said that two days earlier Pacey had come to the end of a long-standing relationship with a well known actress,

# Skin grown in laboratory will revolutionize the treatment of burn cases

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The first British patient to receive a skin graft using a revolutionary technique for growing human skin in the laboratory, is due to be treated on Thursday at the Birmingham Accident Hospital, West Midlands.

The woman, aged 43 and married, is seriously ill. She had 70 per cent of her skin burned off in a house fire five weeks ago.

Using a technique first applied to patients in the United States in 1981, a piece of skin the size of a postage stamp was taken from her thigh four weeks ago and has been grown into 20 three-inch by two-inch pieces, which will be grafted to the burns area.

A girl aged 12 with a rare disorder which stops her skin healing has also had a patch of skin removed, and that too, is being grown. It will be used to graft over a large ulcer on her leg in about two weeks.

Plastic surgeons believe that the technique, once perfected, will largely replace existing skin grafting methods, which for severely burned patients involves repeated and extremely painful operations, with an ever present risk of infection.

Specialists at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge also announced yesterday that they hope to start using laboratory-grown skin within three months, and surgeons at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire, are not far behind.

Once established the technique should prove not only safer but cheaper than existing methods, but because of health service spending limits both the Birmingham and Cambridge work is being supported by charity. The Birmingham unit has been launched with £45,000 raised by readers of two local newspapers.

Mr Paul Levick, consultant plastic surgeon at the Birmingham Accident Hospital, where the first attempts to grow human skin were made 40 years ago, said: "Patients with massive burns simply do not have enough normal skin left for grafting. We have to take skin from the donor area, graft it, allow the donor area to recover for at least two weeks and take skin again.

"Millions of raw nerve ends are left exposed each time skin is taken, and patients often say the grafting is more painful than the burn itself".

Burns patients have to be allowed to recover from the initial shock before grafting, so that the time can now be used to grow skin for grafts. Experience in the United States, where two young brothers with more than 95 per cent burns were grafted last year, shows that laboratory-grown skin behaves like a normal graft, producing the slightly "glazed" look of grafted skin, without hair follicles or sweat glands, but with sufficient flexibility to allow free movement.

The technique involves taking the donor patch, breaking it up into its constituent cells, and growing them on a mat of treated fibroplast cells from the deeper dermis of the skin, from which they can eventually be lifted to provide a layer of outer skin the thickness of cling film.

Placed on the wound, the skin thickens and grows to link with existing skin around the wound.

"The technique needs to be developed to provide more natural looking skin, but already it provides a life-saving procedure to cover the wound as quickly as possible", Mr Levick said.

At his hospital, 500 patients a year were admitted for burns, nearly 300 of them children. "We would hope to make this available to the most severely burned patients, concentrating at first on children as they are at most risk of infection, but also have skin that grows best in the laboratory because they are young. We hope, if the money can be raised, to treat 50 to 100 patients in the initial year".

The ability to grow skin in the laboratory is a by-product of research on cancer, carried out by scientists in the United States and Britain who wanted to study the behaviour of normal and cancerous skin cells.



Dr Margaret Stanley, a pathologist at Cambridge University, holding a skin-culture (Photograph: John Voos)

# Down's baby trial told that father 'was uneasy'

Mr Paul Brown, father of Down's syndrome baby Louise, appeared "uneasy" when he booked into a seaside hotel the weekend she disappeared, a murder trial at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Miss Jacqueline Dawson, receptionist at the Sackville Hotel, Hove, Sussex, said two men in overalls came into the hotel last May.

They were later joined by two women and a child, and they all booked in a for a night's stay. Miss Dawson said: "All four seemed a bit unusual, usually on a Sunday people are enjoying their weekend and have a chat at reception. These people did not say very much."

Although a cot had been requested for one of the two rooms used by the party, Miss Dawson said she did not see any sign of a baby.

Later she picked out two men and a woman at identification parades in London.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, told the jury these were Mr Paul Brown, aged 30, roofer, who is accused of murdering Louise on the night of May 26-27 last year, his brother Ian, aged 33, and Ian's wife, Brenda, aged 32, all of Streatham.

The three and the woman with whom Paul Brown's was living, Susan Pullen, aged 30, the child's mother, deny conspiring to pervert the course of justice by making false statements to police designed to conceal the child's death. Ian Brown alone is charged with and denies assisting his brother by concealing the baby's body, which has not been found.
The case continues.

# Vice gang leaders jailed after torture den complaints

The ringleaders of a gang of vice barons, known as "the Black Posse" were jailed by the Central Criminal Court yesterday after the biggest police crackdown on pimping in Britain.

The gang terrorized girls up and down the country forcing them on to the streets and threatening violence, torturing and beating them and subjecting them to sexual abuse, Mr Timothy Cassel, for the prosecution, said.

The leaders of the vice syndicate, working from their base in West Midlands, led the high life on profits which were said to run into millions of pounds. They drove expensive cars and gambled away huge sums of cash, the court was told.

One victim told police she earned £60,000 on the streets in four years and handed nearly all of it to the gang leaders. Other girls were earning £300 a night.

Donald Harris, aged 27, described as Britain's No 1 pimp, of Buchan Road, Peckham, south east London, was jailed for six years and nine months; Byron Rose, aged 25, of Aston House, Wandsworth Road, South Lambeth, for two years and six months; Carl Wilson, aged 28, of Hurstbourne Crescent, Wolverhampton, for seven years; and Robert Solomon, aged 23, of Daynor Court, Quex Road, Kilburn, for five years.

They were found guilty of living off immoral earnings. Harris was also convicted of kidnapping and assaults. Rose of assaults, Wilson of rape, and Solomon of wounding.

The court heard that a squad of six detectives under the command of Det Chief Supt John Marsden was formed to track down and smash the gang.

Girls had been going to the police with appeals for help. They said that if they escaped from the gang and were recaptured they would be taken to a "torture den" in Inkerman St, Wolverhampton, for punishment.

One girl was given "hot and cold bath treatment", another threatened with death by electric shock, others were whipped and beaten with iron bars.

The squad kept observation on the leaders and they were trailed by patrol cars as they travelled up and down the M1 between the brothel districts of London and the Midlands.

Mr Marsden said after the verdict that the gang had influence in almost every main city in Britain. There were indications that the gang was planning to expand business to the rest of Europe.

# Rover launches a Vitesse

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Austin Rover yesterday launched the Rover 216 Vitesse, a 112 mph leading model for a much-expanded range of its medium-sized Rover 200 series. It uses the company's British-made 1.6 litre engine and raises the local content of the Honda-designed car to 83 per cent, compared with 70 per cent for the smaller Japanese-engine version, the Rover 213.

With an eye on Rover's prospects in European markets this will be increased to 88 per cent and 75 per cent respectively later this year by substituting more British components.

French and italian car makers have been bitter critics of the blossoming Anglo-Japanese partnership which first produced the Triumph Acclaim, (since renamed the Rover 200 series) and will be followed next year by Project XX, the replacement for the bigger Rover executive saloon.

The seven-model range now comprises three 1.3 litre versions and four 1.6s. Prices start at £5,997 for the base Rover 213 and reach £7,898 for the Rover 216 Vitesse.

# Former RUC man held on bombing

A former police reservist in Northern Ireland is among 17 people held by detectives for questioning about terrorist crime, including the Provisional IRA mortar attack on Newry police station.

The Roman Catholic, aged 40, from Warren Point, Co Down, was arrested during raids by detectives.

The former RUC reservist is in hospital after suffering a suspected heart attack while being questioned at Gough Barracks in Armagh city on Saturday. It is understood he resigned from the RUC reserve four years ago.

Two men from Newry were charged last week with the murder of three of the nine police officers killed in the explosion last month.

# Rees-Mogg urges self-help on arts

Sir William Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Arts Council, gave a warning yesterday that the arts had to look first to themselves and their audiences, not the State, for their future and their growth.

In a lecture to a selected audience at IBM, previewed in *The Times* on Friday, Sir William said that the Arts Council's grant was equal to the interest on the capital cost of the Trident programme.

# Donation saves toad campaign

The campaign to erect toad crossing signs on roads during the spawning season, has been saved by a £1,000 donation from a charitable trust.

Mr Tom Langton, of the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, said that the trust, which asked to remain anonymous, responded to a report in *The Times* that the campaign had run out of money.

# Girl injured by crossbow

A girl aged 18 was taken off the critical list in North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary yesterday after being shot in the stomach with a crossbow, in Tunstall, Stoke on Trent, on Sunday.

A man was arrested yesteday in connection with the incident.

# Sea rescue

Mr Graham Ross from south London, Mr William Ward from Liverpool and Mr Patrick Baker from Manchester were rescued yesterday off the Norfolk coast after they drifted for two days without food in a crippled fishing boat.

# Sanctuary couple left in the cold

By Richard Dowden

The Home Office has adopted a wait-and-see attitude towards the Cypriot couple who have sought sanctuary for the past two weeks in a north London church to avoid deportation.

In spite of the lack of heating in the church of St Mary, Eversholt Street, Somers Town, Mr Vassilis Nicola and his wife, Katerina, are as determined as ever to stay in the church until the Home Office reverses its decision to deport them.

Yesterday the heating oil ran out: it costs £250 a week to heat the church for the couple. They are being supported by relations, friends and the local community. The Home Office has let it be known that there will be no attempt to break into the church to seize the couple but a meeting is being sought with the Bishop of Edmonton, the Rt Rev Brian Masters, to try to find a solution.

There has been one meeting with immigration department officials and the bishop at which he resisted attempts to persuade him to give up his support for the couple.

Mr and Mrs Nicola left Cyprus after the Turkish invasion of 1974 forced them to leave their home and possessions in the north of the island.

# Verdict on calves is challenged

The Compassion in World Farming pressure group asked the High Court in London yesterday to overrule magistrates who refused to convict monks of causing unnecessary distress and suffering to calves they were raising for veal.

Mr Patrick Bucknell, representing the pressure groups, argued that Steyning magistrates, west Sussex, wrongly refused to look at more humane systems of husbandry when considering it unnecessary suffering was caused at Gerston Farm, which is run by the premonstratensian Canons of Storrington Priory, West Sussex.

The magistrates had dismissed charges brought by the groups against Mr Luigi Ruggiero, farm manager at Gerston, after finding that "all animal husbandry involved animals in some suffering", and that there had been no unnecessary suffering as defined in law. They took into account that the veal calf unit had been funded and approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, and the RSPCA had decided ther were no grounds for prosecution.

Yesterday Mr Bucknell contented that the suffering caused was unnecessary, although it was not alleged that Mr Luigi was guilty of cruelty.

The hearing continues today.

# Erosion flight

Asphalt-covered nylon matting has been laid on sections of the bank of the Thurne river in the Norfolk Broads in an experiment aimed at reducing erosion and flooding.

# Elton John tells court £6,000 watch 'vanished'

Elton John, the pop music star and football club director, told a jury at Central Criminal Court yesterday about the "disappearance" of his £6,000 gold watch.

Mr John, aged 37, said the watch, one of a limited edition made by Cartier, with studded diamonds on the face, had "vanished" from the bedside table at his home in Windsor.

Cornelius Culwick, aged 31, of Gloucester Road, Croydon, pleaded not guilty to stealing Mr John's watch, and dishonestly receiving it.


Elton John yesterday

Mr John told the court that he returned home from a visit to London in March 1983 with a friend, Mr Tommy Williams, and two others.

He took off his watch and a sapphire ring to have a bath and then watched videos with Mr Williams before falling asleep in the "video room" of his home.

It was not until the following evening that he noticed the watch was missing, he said.

Mr John was shown a watch and said he recognized it as his property.

Mr Nicholas Freeman, for the prosecution, said police found the watch when they raided Mr Culwick's home with a search warrant in June 1983.

Mr Culwick was asked to take off his pyjama bottoms and the watch was found hidden in the folds, Mr Freeman said.

At first Mr Culwick refused to tell detectives where the watch had come from. But later told an officer: "Do you know where it came from? You will laugh at the end of this. I'll give you a clue. Pinball wizard", a reference to one of Mr John's songs, the jury was told.
The trial was adjourned until today.

# BBC to compare costs with Channel 4

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to compare television production costs with Channel Four. But, in a joint statement with Peat Marwick, which produced the "value for money" report on the corporation, the BBC denied yesterday that the unpublished part of the survey concluded that Channel Four was cheaper.

Mr Phil Redmond, the producer of the Channel Four soap opera *Brookside*, which the survey team compared with the BBC's *EastEnders*, estimated in *The Times* on Saturday that the Channel Four series cost half of its BBC rival.

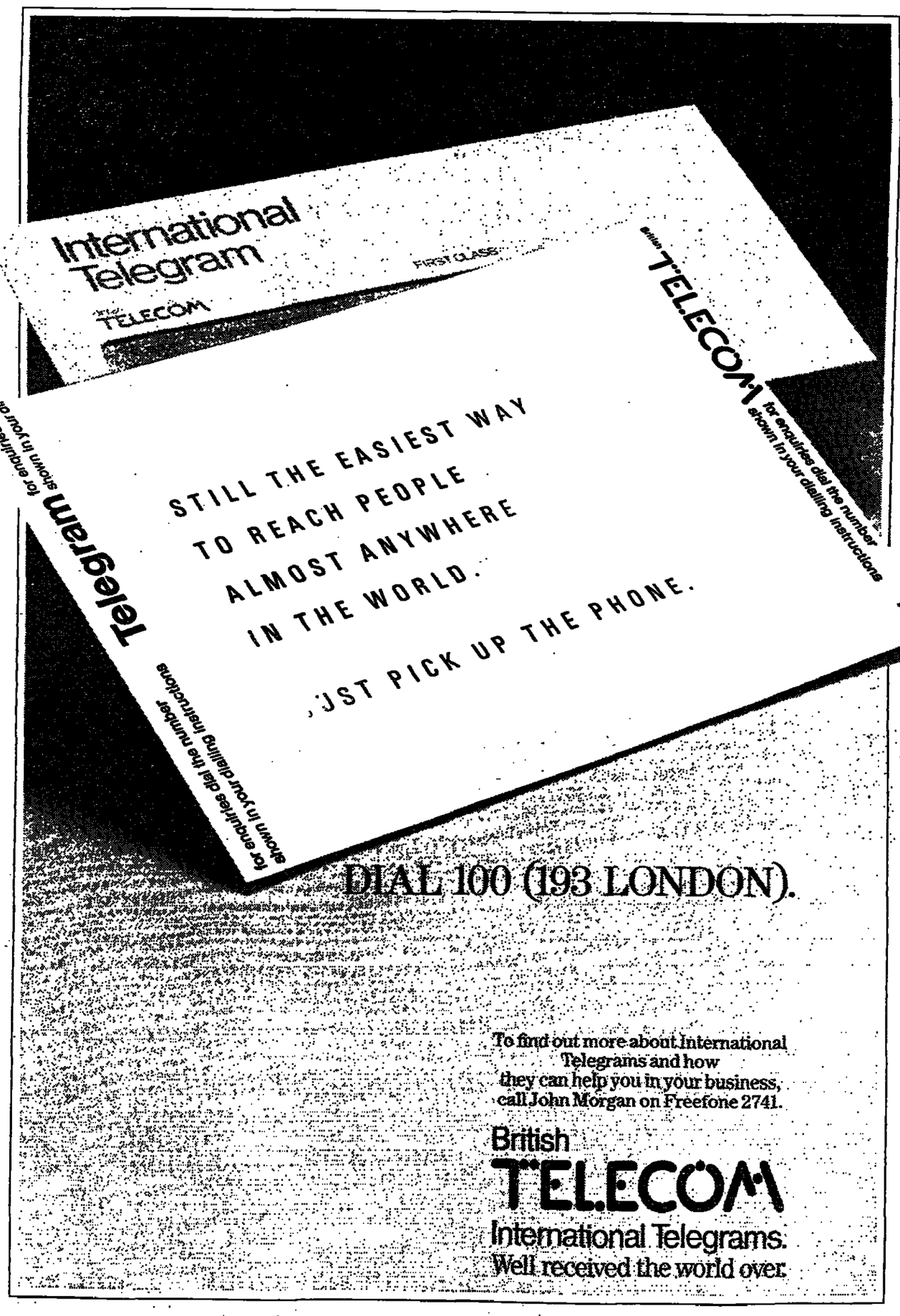
Yesterday's statement said: "It is not true to say, as reported in *The Times*, that the annexes to the Peat Marwick 'value for money' report on the BBC contain comparisons between the BBC and Chanel Four drama costs. As has already been stated, these annexes do not include any conclusions additional to the published report.

"Peat Marwick did, however, recommend that further work be undertaken to examine comparability of costs and Bill Cotton, managing director, BBC Television, has already set in train talks with Channel Four."

The published section of the report says that it carried out an overall comparison of hourly costs between BBC and Channel Four and a comparison between *Brookside* and *EastEnders*.

"Our comparisons were purely financial and did not attempt qualitative judgements", the report states.

"Nevertheless, on the basis of work done so far, we recommend that the Corporation should pursue comparisons with Channel Four in order to establish whether the corporation would benefit from changes in the mix of its programme sources, for example by increasing the use of independent producers."



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# Case by case examination by NCB

COAL DISPUTE

The National Coal Board would look at every individual case of sacked miners on its merits, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said in the Commons during question time.

If there were cases where this had not been done, the NCB was willing to re-examine them carefully and if any mistakes were made, the power of industrial tribunals was considerable, he said.

Some of those calling for an amnesty for sacked miners who had committed grievous crimes of violence also argued that no forgiveness should be given to those who worked during the dispute.

In Scotland – apart from Polmaise where miners were not at work – 900 people had been convicted during the dispute and 181 had been dismissed, not the whole number, which was the impression given by certain people.

He also said that substantial amounts of money which would have been used for capital investment in the industry would now have to be used to repair the damage done during the dispute.

Mr Walker said that that morning there were full attendances at virtually all collieries.

I hope that the industry will get back to normal working very quickly (he added) and take advantage of the opportunities available to it.

Mr Harvey Proctor (Billericay, C): That statement meets with the pleasure of the House as a whole. Can he confirm that there will be no general amnesty but that the NCB will look at individual cases on their individual merits?

Mr Walker: Yes, I can confirm that.

Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool Riverside, Lab): Is not the NCB adopting double standards? During the strike it reinstated sacked miners so as to present the best figures. Is not the present stance vindictive and hypocritical?

Mr Walker: No. There are plenty of cases of people convicted during the strike who have gone back to work during the last week and are continuing at work.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab): Will Mr Walker examine what happened this morning at Comrie Colliery when the management in a vindictive, boneheaded and stupid fashion locked men out? (Conservative laughter). This is no laughing matter.

Would Mr Walker get Mr MacGregor and Mr Wheeler to come to his office immediately to explain why Scotland should be excluded from the tupe of wording he is using today? Will he do that immediately or otherwise sack them both?

Mr Walker: I am informed, I hope rightly, that at Comrie the miners marched to the colliery, held a meeting, and then returned home. There are some 25 NUM members at the pit and the same number of Nacods.

Mr Kevin Barron (Rother Valley, Lab): Why were people sacked last week when they were working for two months beforehand? These are the men Mr Walker and the Prime Minister were praising.

Why have men in Yorkshire been sacked who have been found not guilty in courts of law of any offence? Why have men been dismissed when their cases do not come to court for months?.

What type of settlement are we going to end up with that is going to take the industry forward? Is it not the case that this vindictiveness and victimization is going to help destroy the coal industry?

Mr Walker: I totally disagree with Mr Barron's assessment. There are hundreds of men working who have been convicted during the strike of offences. His portrayal of the scene is totally inadequate.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab): I would draw his attention to a report in *The Guardian* this morning about older miners who have been convicted of relatively minor offences and received small fines but have nevertheless been dismissed and stand to lose £30,000 or more in redundancy pay.

If this is the case, how can any MP or the Government defend such injustices?

Will Mr Walker instruct the NCB at all levels to give firm assurance that where there are such men possibly being deprived of their rights in this matter, he will give a directive that that shall not happen?

Mr Walker knows my views very well on this strike. If he and the Government and the NCB continue with this victimization and terrorization there will be no end to the trouble in the coal mines.

Mr Walker: I recognize and appreciate Mr Hamilton's views. There is no policy of the NCB that men because they are elderly and subject to compensation should be dismissed. There is no reason why the NCB should hold such a view because all the redundancy and early retirement payments are paid out of separate funds. The NCB has no financial interest in it whatsoever.

If you take all of Scotland, obviously I cannot give the figures for Polmaise because they are not at work, but apart from this 900 people have been convicted during the dispute and 181 have been dismissed, and not 900 which is sometimes the impression given by certain people. Some 181 were dismissed and the NCB considered, having carefully examined each case, that they are justified.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C): This whole tragedy could have been avoided if the NUM had struck to its rule book and held a national ballot.

Mr Walker: His view has been totally confirmed this week by a certain publication known to be close to Mr Scargill's supporters called the *Socialist Worker*.

It said in a leading article: "In the aftermath of the strike, one of the criticisms bound to be levelled at the miners is that the strike was lost because there was no ballot. But this ingnores one central fact – if there had been a ballot there would not have been a strike." (Conservative laughter)

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C): Will the Government do everything it can to bring about reconcilliation in the coal industry, in keeping with true Conservative principles?

Mr Walker: I have no doubt the majority of miners want to get back to normal working and the Government and the NCB will do everthing to encourage that.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab): Did he see the disgraceful interview with Mr MacGregor yesterday in *The Sunday Telegraph*? Mr MacGregor is just as unfit to run an amnesty as he ever was to run the coal industry. In that interview, he said the minister has nothing to do with any of the decisions. Is he telling the truth?

Would it not be better to get him back to America as soon as possible? (Labour cheers)

Mr Walker: I saw nothing in *The Sunday Telegraph* article on the question of saying no amnesty should be given for serious crimes which differs from the views of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Neil Kinnock) or his deputy (Mr Roy Hattersley).



Barron: Vindictiveness and victimizastion.

mr Andrew Stewart (Sherwood, C): Will he reassure those miners who chose to go to work before the strike came to an end that they will have protection? We do not want any repetition of the incidents we saw on television on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights involving the Watson family.

Mr Walker: It is important that proper protection is given to those who courageously, and in very difficult conditions, took advantage of their legal right and freedom to go to work.

There are those who ask for amnesties for those who have committed grievous crimes of violence and argue that no forgiveness or protection should be given to those who legally went to work during this dispute.

Mr Ray Mason (Barnsley Central, Lab): How does he react to Mr MacGregor saying at the weekend that people are discovering the price of insubordination and insurrection and "By God we are going to make it stick"? These are the words of an angry and foolish old man and cannot be a prerequisite to reconcilliation.

Will Mr Walker take the lead in encouraging negotiations between both sides and not allow the overime ban to be a bar to negotiations?

Mr Walker: Alas, many miners are finding the appalling damage done by this dispute, which was totally unjustified on any basis. They have already paid a heavy price and are continuing to do so.

Regarding the overtime ban, I am surprised Mr Mason does not recognise that the best opportunity of this industry recovering from the disaster of the last year is to get back to normal working.

Mr Trevor Skeet (North Bedfordshire, C): How many coal faces have collapsed and what money is he prepared to spend on them?

Mr Walker: 30 working faces have been destroyed during this dispute. Apart from that, a great deal of machinery has been damaged and a great deal of repair work will have to be done before any form of normal working can be achieved.

Instead of the £800 million the industry would have had last year in capital investment and a similar amount this coming year, we now have the problem that substantial capital investment will have to go into restoring the damage done.

Mr Timothy Yeo (Suffolk South, C): Will he ensure the cost of the dispute is borne by the country as a whole and not just by the customers of the coal industry?

Mr Walker: The cost of the dispute, in all its forms, will be a complicated calculation which will have effects over several years

Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab): A number of my constituents have been sacked by the NCB although their cases have not yet been decided by the court and they have had no opportunity to explain or defend themselves. This is an embittering factor at a time when we should see the healing of wounds.

Mr Walker: I can assure him the objective of the coal board is to look at every individual case on its merits. If there are cases when this has not been done, they are willing to re-examine them. If they make any mistakes on this, the power of the industrial tribunals is considerable.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C): In any future negotiations on pay, would he encourage the chairman of the board to spend more money on an improved bonus productivity scheme, where Mr Scargill so lamentably failed

Those who talk about continuing the dispute by anarchy and guerrilla warfare are more concerned in disguising their own failures as leaders of this industry than helping those in the industry who have suffered enough misery already.

Mr Walker: I agree. The nature of Britain's coal reserves and our miners' skills are such that, with high productivity, this industry has a good and secure future and it is certainly in the interests of any pay agreement to seek to maximise and encourage improved productivity.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy: The position of the coal board is untenable in this situation. What has happened in Scotland is also unacceptable. If we had had an agreement this would have never have arisen. In 1972 and 1974 a negotiated settlement would have meant these positions could have been resolved without the bitterness which has now been engendered in the industry.

Mr Walker: Yes, that is why I regret the Opposition did not do far more in encouraging acceptance of the Acas compromise and also far more in moving Mr Scargill from the totally intransigent position he took.

Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) later asked the Secretary of State to concede that because of the slump in the value of the pound there was no need to close any pit in the foreseeable future.

Mr Walker: I doubt whether he was heard to be very vocal when the pound exchange rate was $2.40, seeing that under his calculation that meant that all pits should close.

# Fowler looking for extra income from prescription charges

HEALTH SERVICE

An increase of prescription charges to £2 per item and of charges for dental treatment will increase total income from charges to the NHS by £40 million a year, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said in a statement in the Commons.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour spokesman on health and social security, said that many people would in future pay more for their prescriptions than the cost to the health service and that that would apply to 170 million prescriptions a year.

In his statement, Mr Fowler said that in the next financial year, the health service planned to spend an extra £800 million, bringing total spending up to some £17,500 million.

That is an increase (he said) of over 20 per cent in real terms since this Government came to power. In England alone the health service will be spending an extra £870 million next year. The great bulk of that extra spending will be paid for from taxation and national insurance. But, as the Government's detailed spending plans made clear, the Government believes that there should be some increase in the contribution from direct charges.

In prescription charges we are seeking an extra £19 million of income to help offset the cost of the drugs bill which now stands at £1,500 million a year. Because of the exemptions policy almost three-quarters of prescriptions are dispensed free of charge.

This means that the retired, those on low incomes including those on supplementary benefit and family income supplement, children, expectant mothers and people suffering from certain conditions do not pay any charges. In addition, more than one in five of the prescriptions which are paid for are covered by prepayment certificates.

It has been suggested recently that we should narrow the range of exemptions rather than seeking other ways of reducing the drugs bill. The Government believes it is right to protect those in need from the impact of charges and we do not, therefore, intend to make any change in the categories which are exempt from prescription charges.

However, we do believe that those who can afford it should make a larger contribution. We have therefore decided to raise the basic prescription charge to £2 (Labour protects) Even so, the charge will cover well under half the cost of the average prescription which is now about £4.50.

There will also be equivalent increases in the cost of the prepayment certificates.

In dental treatment there are again wide exemptions from charges. The existing range of exemptions – for children, those on low incomes and expectant and nursing mothers – will continue. These exemptions account for almost half of all chargeable courses of treatment. Dental examinations will continue to be free of charge for all.

The charges for specific treatments – crowns, inlays, bridges and dentures – will increase by 6 to 10 per cent. The maximum charge for any single course of treatment will increase by just 4.5 per cent. We have decided to change the structure of charges for routine treatment such as fillings and extractions and to relate the charge more closely to the cost of treatment.

In future patients will pay the full cost of routine treatment up to a maximum of £17 – rather than £14.50 as at present – but they will also pay two-fifths of any cost above that level.

In the hospital service we intend to increase the charges for private patients and overseas visitors so that the charges meet the full cost of the services provided including all overheads, some of which have not been fully allowed for in the past. This will mean an average increase of just over 14 per cent although there will be variations for different types of charge and hospital. These charges will now make a total contribution of more than £60 million a year to health authorities' budgets.

These changes will come into effect at the beginning of April.

The result will be that the health service remains predominantly funded by general taxation – which accounts for some 86 per cent of expenditure. A further 11 per cent is derived from national insurance contributions. After the changes I have announced today charges will account for only some 3.2 per cent of total health service spending.

The net effect of the changes the Government is making to all health charges this April will be to increase total income from charges by some £40 million next year. This will be a contribution towards the extra £670 million of health service spending we are planning for next year. If we want to see more resources going to the health service, charges must make a contribution to that growth, provided exemptions policy protects those who connot afford to pay.



Sims: Many will feel charge is not unacceptable

Mr Meacher: This latest huge increase, at five times the current inflation rate, is paralleled by an equally big reduction in the tax component of the NHS funding since 1979, so that under this Government, the sick are having to pay more for their medicines to pave the way for even bigger tax handouts to the rich in Budget after Budget.

The majority of drugs prescribed have not shown excessive cost increases and some have become cheaper per unit to the NHS since the mid-1970s? Many people will be paying more for their prescriptions than they cost the NHS.

The maximum dental charges, which is what more than 90 per cent of people have to pay for treatment, have reached a level where the principle of a general dental service readily available to all in need is in danger of collapsing.

These huge increases in prescription and other charges (he said) for the sixth year running, are unjust, discriminatory and a vicious penalty on some of the most vulnerable people in our society and even at this stage we call on the Government to withdraw them.

Mr Fowler: If he wants more resources, they have to be found and paid for, from tax, national insurance or charges. Tax and national insurance are providing 97 per cent of the cost. It is hypocritical to call for more spending on health and to condemn every means of raising that money.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C): The poorest and most needy are protected all the way along the line. Even those that are neither poor nor needy are still going only to pay £2 for a prescription which is worth £4.50. That is a bargain in anybody's money.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L): Why has Mr Fowler chosen this time to introduce a substantial increase in prescription charges when he aims to save £75 million next Monday by his limited list of drugs proposals?

Pharmacists have been asking clients to say which one item is most important because they simply cannot afford to pay for all the items doctors are prescribing.

Mr Fowler: I am constantly being pressed to spend and provide more resources. We are providing £800 million more for the health service next year. The issue comes down to how is that money going to be raised. Charges must make a contribution.

Mr Roger Sims (Chistlehurst, C): Many people will feel that a charge of £2 for a prescription imposed on those who can well afford to pay it is not an unacceptable figure when compared with the cost of a packet of cigarettes, a pint of beer or a cinema seat.

The list of chronic conditions which enjoy exemption is relatively limited. There are some who feel it might be widened.

Mr Fowler: I will certainly look at that point again.

Mr Roy Galley (Halifax, C): Will he clarify the position of prescription season ticket holders?

Mr Fowler: I hope we will be able to help with that.

Mrs Ann Clwyd (Cynon Valley, Lab) said it was not true that expectant mothers did not pay any charge. If (she went on) you become pregnant when you have started your treatment you pay for it unless you can arrange to become pregnant before you start that treatment.

Mr Fowler: I will look at that anomaly.

# No plans to sell off mining industry

There were no plans for privatization of the coal industry, Mr David Hunt Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said during question time

What matters for this industry now (he said) is a period of consolidation to recover from this damaging dispute.

He called on the Opposition to start to condemn irresponsible talk of guerilla action in the pits which could only destroy the industry.

This strike has inflicted very substantial damage (he said) and let no one in this House underestimate the extent of that damage. For the President of the NUM to talk of the fight to continue it, it must be the view from all sides of the House that the only fight that now matters is to rebuild the industry, which has been shattered by Scargill's strike.

Mr Jeremy Hanley (Richmond and Barnes, C): Since Arthur Scargill has repeatedly said we in Britain have the cheapest deep-mined coal in the world, would he confirm or deny that statistic as it seems to be not only a vital plank of NUM policy but also a test of Mr Scargill's veracity?

Mr Hunt: The statement is incorrect and one further example of the festering falsehoods of the President of the NUM to perpetuate this pointless political strike.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy: To get rid of guerrilla activity in the pits it is necessary to get a negotiated agreement. I had a meeting this Monday morning with Nacods and NUM officials. Nacods gave me a copy of a letter which they wrote on March 6 to Mr Spanton asking for a meeting on modified colliery review procedure and for all parties to attend. Will he agree that that should go ahead?

Mr Hunt: The Government has always wanted to see a negotiated settlement. It was a great tragedy for the future of the industry that sadly he did not support the initiative of the TUC in presenting the document they obtained from the coal board as the best possible offer. That offer is still open to the NUM.

# Biffen uses old boy network

PROCEDURE

There was loud laughter in the House when Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, told Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) during exchanges on secret ballots: "Us grammar school boys have got to stick together."

Mr Biffen and Mr Skinner unusually found themselves in complete agreement when Mr Biffen firmly rejected a suggestion from Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) that they should refer to the Select Committee on Procedure the possibility of initiating an experiment in the use of secret ballots in the House's voting procedures.

MPs laughed when Mr Skinner observed: I agree with him on this healthy attitude to representative democracy.

I favour the idea of continuing with what I call in this place the British Leyland voting system, with one lot going into that side of the field, known as the lobby, and the other side going into the other corner of the field, known as the lobby, and the shop stewards, otherwise known as the whips, herding people in. And, at the end of the day, everyone is accountable for what they do.

Let us try to extend it to the trade unions and throw out the ballots that the Government has stupidly started in the last three years.

Mr Biffen: I am so glad (renewed laughter) to have his warm endorsement (Laughter). Us grammar school boys have got to stick together.

Mr Hamilton said Mr Biffen's rejection of his suggestion was disappointing.

This (he said) would be a much more exciting place if we had some secret ballots because it would be much less predictable.

There is a reign of terror on the Government side, operated by the whips' office. There must be at least a hundred Tory MPs, straining at the leash to express their deep disquiet at Government policies. Why do Mr Biffen and the Government urge the NUM and other unions to have secret ballots when we seem to be frightened of them here?

Mr Biffen: I am, as ever, touched by the news of the effective tyranny of the whips' office and realize now that my daily Fleet Street diet of Tory dissent and rebellion is entirely an illusion fostered for the masters of Fleet Street.

here was further amusement when, in answer to a sedentary remark of "reading" from the Labour benches, Mr Biffen said that he spoke "right from the heart".

On comparisons Mr Hamilton would wish to draw between secret ballots outside the House, MPs for generations had proudly proclaimed that they would vote openly on the basis of accountability to their electorate. Mr Hamilton's suggestion would reverse centuries of history.

## After midnight sittings

The average rising time of the Commons, Mondays to Thursdays, during the last five sessions was 12.17am. Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, said during questions.

The corresponding figure for this session so far he added, was 12.55am. Coincidentally, however, if one discounted the time taken by proceedings on the Water (Fluoridation) Bill, the time would still be 12.17am, exactly the same as in previous years.

[It was the fluoridation Bill which kept MPs sitting all Tuesday night last week and which resulted in Wednesday's planned business having to be postponed.]

# Doubling of training intended

UNEMPLOYMENT

There was no substitute for a sound and stable framework of economic and industrial policy, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said during a Commons debate on unemployment and industrial policies, on a Labour motion condemning the Government's policies. He added that the Government intended to expand the training programmes to double the number of people who were able to get training in the coming year.

Government policies could and should be reversed and the reduction of unemployment must start next Tuesday with the Budget, Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment declared when he moved the motion which also called on the Government to end its indifference to the disastrous decline of maufacturing industry and urged a programme of national economic recovery based on investment.

Mr Prescott said that for every month that the Government had been in office 12,000 people had been thrown on to the scrapheap. There were now as many longer term unemployed as there were totally unemployed in 1979.

Labour wanted to correct some of the untruths put out by the Government. In 1979 71 per cent of the population was working and by 1983 this had fallen to less than 64 per cent. The average fall in the OECD countries for the same period was from 64 per cent to 63 per cent.

In socialist France inflation had been halved, growth was higher than in Britain and living standards had risen five times, compared to 1 times in Britain.

The tragedy was that the Government had not used oil revenues to reinvest in the so-called sunrise industries after it had finished destroying the smokestack industries. The level of Government support for information technology was one-eighth what it was in Germany.

If there was £1 ½ billion avail the consensus view was that investment in public infrastructure, public works, could create more jobs. The Government could emulate Britain's competitors and begin a massive training programme.

Mr King moved an amendment supporting the Government's determination to pursue policies which created the conditions for efficient, competitive and productive industry and welcoming its commitment to develop training opportunities

The first priority had been to control inflation and restore competitiveness. The second objective had been to remove obstacles to improvements in training and to see what measures could be taken to help the hardest hit.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab) said Mr King was inflicting injury on the areas from which he moved the skill centres.

Mr King said the Government intended to expand the training programmes to double the number of people who were able to get training in the coming year.

He has specifically told the chairman of the Manpower Services Commission that no closures should go ahead until he was satisfied with the alternative arrangements that were to be made. It would mean that resources would be released which could be used more effectively.

# Retrospection defended

TRANSPORT

It was unsatisfactory that the London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill, which amends the London Regional Transport Act 1984 so as to require the GLC to pay £258 million to LRT, should set an apparent precedent for the control of LRT by the Government, Lord Carmichael of Kelvingrove (Lab), said during the third reading of the Bill in the House of Lords.

There was widespread concern that the retrospective nature of the legislation has not been satisfactorily explained, he said, and it seemed the Secretary of State for Transport (Mr Nicholas Ridley) was more concerned with creating a surplus rather than ensuring simply that LRT had sufficent funds for the next year.

Lord Brabazon of Tara, the Government spokesman, said the Government did not like retrospective legislation but without it LRT would be left in limbo.

The Bill was necessary in order to resolve the damage that uncertainty over LRT's finance would cause and it would ensure the money paid by ratepayers and passengers in 1984-85 would be used to benefit public services.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

● The Industrial Development Bill, which amends the English Industrial Estates Corporation Act by extending the functions of the Corporation and also makes provision to extend the borrowing powers of the Welsh Development Agency, was read the third time in the House of Lords and passed.

## Royal Assent

The following Acts received the Royal Asset: Brunei and Maldives; Milk (Cessation of Production); New Towns and Urban Development Corporation; Companies; Business Names; Company Securities (Insider Dealing); Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions); London Regional Transport (Amendment); Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions); and Company Securities (Insider Dealing).

## Ulster economy recovering

Recent economic indicators showed that Northern Ireland was experiencing a revival of economic activities, Lord Lyell, Under Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office, said in the House of Lords in moving approval of the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

It was also anticipated that industrial production and manufacturing output would continue to move upward in the broadly-based recovery, he said. Most sections were showing some improvement.

This trend was confirmed by the employment figures which showed the rate of decline had fallen significantly in recent months.

The order was approved.

The law in Scotland: 2

# Wide powers of the procurator fiscal

**In the second of three articles, FRANCES GIBB, Legal Affairs Correspondent, examines the workings of the Scottish prosecution system.**

The chief power of the new crown prosecutors in England and Wales will be to order that proceedings in a particular case are dropped by police. In that way, fewer poor, badly prepared cases are intended to reach the courts.

But the proposed system has come in for criticism on the ground that this power will come into effect only after proceedings have been started by police. The crown prosecutor will not be involved to decide whether proceedings should be initiated.

The Scottish system has been held up as a far better model, with the procurator fiscal in charge of proceedings from the start. After the police report their findings, a summary of facts and the formal charge, it is down to the fiscal – and not the police as now in England and Wales – to decide the charges, what pleas should be accepted and, if necessary, what evidence is needed and if further witnesses should be seen.

Mr James Tudhope, procurator fiscal for Glasgow, known as the busiest criminal court-room in Europe, says: "If an accused is indicted for murder, and he tends a plea of guilty to manslaughter (culpable homicide); it is for the prosecutor, not the court, to decide whether the plea is acceptable and, if acceptable, then the court must proceed to sentence."

The procurator fiscal also has wide powers of investigation and has overall responsibility for police investigations although in most routine cases he is not directly involved. In murder cases, however, a member of the fiscal's staff is notified at once by police and attends the scene of the crime. The fiscal is also responsible for investigating all other sudden, or unexplained deaths in his district, duties that are particularly important as there is no coroner's inquest in Scotland.

The fiscal has no power to decide prosecutions in indictable cases, those to be tried by jury. He prepares the papers after examining witnesses, known as "precognition", and refers them to one of the 12 crown counsel for a decision of the appropriate court, the High Court or sheriff court. If the latter, prosecution is carried out by the fiscal's staff. In nine out of 10 cases, according to fiscal staff at Glasgow, their recommendations are accepted. In Scotland the accused, therefore, has no right to elect jury trial himself.

A crucial test of the working of the Scottish system is the extent to which cases are weeded out by the procurators fiscal. The Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure in England and Wales in 1981 concluded that some of the advantages of the Scottish system were more apparent than real, with the police, in most cases, deciding on prosecutions and the fiscal performing the "formal and routine task" of endorsing the police decision. The fiscal was brought in only prior to charge, the commission said, in serious and complicated crime "at the discretion of the police".

Confusion arises over the different weight attached to the charge within the Scottish and English systems. Police in Scotland do lay initial charges. But that is simply a case of formally setting down the allegation; it is not the same as initiating proceedings.

It is then up to the fiscal to decide what proceedings should be brought, often, in serious cases, making his own examination of witnesses. The trigger-point for the court proceedings is a document: the "complaint", in summary cases, the "indictment" in jury cases, and both are the fiscal's responsibility.

As in England, he also considers the public interest: and even where there is sufficient evidence, will not always authorize a prosecution to proceed such as, for example, when an elderly sick woman is charged with shoplifting.

At Glasgow, where 72,000 cases were handled last year, nearly one in five cases sent by police to the fiscal's office was "marked off"; that is, marked "no proceedings". Some 7,760 were marked off with no conditions; in another 9,713 the defendant was given a warning. That does not include the 4,771 motoring cases, for which fixed penalty fines can be paid without a court appearance.

The percentage of prosecutions is also determined by the workload of a fiscal's office. Mr Barry Heywood, assistant fiscal at Glasgow, was fiscal at Wick where fewer prosecutions were brought, he says, because of the greater pre-trial discussions possible between defence and prosecution. The size of an office such as Glasgow increases reliance on police reports.

Under such a system, one might expect the conviction rate to be close to 100 per cent. But prosecutions do fail, not least because of witnesses' inability to recall events. The conviction rate could doubtless be improved, Mr Heywood says, by more examination of witnesses by the fiscal staff.

Tomorrow: advantages and defects



Insect beauties: The seven-spotted ladybird (top) and the stag beetle, two of the five species of insects shown on a set of stamps available from today to mark the centenary of the Royal Entomological Society of London's Royal Charter and of the Selborne Society. The stamps were designed by Mr Gordon Beningfield.

# Plan could save £500m on heating

By Our Architecture Correspondent

An energy-saving package for council tenants which could save more than £500 million in London during the next 20 years, will be launched in Hackney, east London, today.

A meeting will be held between the tenants associations of three estates involved and Earth Resources Research, the consultants who have devised the package. Energy bills will be reduced by an estimated 30 per cent in two types of scheme, both self-financing.

The measures include cavity and roof insulation, draught-proofing, and control systems, which the council does not have to fund through its housing investment allocation.

There are two financing schemes, the first a hire-purchase arrangement operated through Tenants Heating and Insulation Service Ltd, which includes representatives of the London borough of Hackney, and tenants. It offers hire-purchase at low interest over 10 years. Because the repayment period is very short the savings outweigh the hire-purchase payments.

The second is a leasing arrangement, whereby the council enters into an agreement with heating system suppliers linked to insulation measures.

# Women 'elbowed out' in further education

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Colleges of further education are run by men for men, according to a policy statement by the government-backed Further Education Unit. In some colleges, and in certain areas of work, women are hardly apparent.

Even in the field of information technology, computers tend to be regarded as "boys' toys", the report says. Fears that female students are elbowed out of practical computing experience, and that women may not take full benefit of career opportunities offered by new technologies are widespread.

The report urges Britain's further education colleges to improve the education and training they provide for women. It says that because the number of women in the top college jobs has declined in recent years "female students who find themselves in a further education college are likely to be part of an establishment organized by men for men".

The report, published yesterday says a systematic review by colleges of their courses and the way they are taught, and their management style, would benefit all students. Girls should be encouraged to take the whole range of courses.

It says that Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, pointed out a year ago that "girls' education must reflect the fact that most women will be working for much of their lives, and that many may be the sole or principal breadwinner for a family".

## Calf died from anthrax

A calf on Duke Farm, Gurnard, Isle of Wight, died last Thursday from the disease anthrax, laboratory tests confirmed yesterday.

But Mrs Peggy Joliffe, who farms in partnership with her brother, Mr Harold Flux, said that after speaking to veterinary surgeons they were confident it was an isolated incident and there would be no further trouble among their 250 cattle.

## Driving fine on Duke's daughter

The Duke of Rutland's daughter was fined £100 fine at Grantham Magistrates' Court, Lincolnshire, yesterday for driving without due care

Lady Theresa Manners, aged 22, an art student, of Belvoir Castle, near Grantham, had pleaded guilty. The court was told she was on the A1 when her car went out of control while she was changing a cassette, and collided with another car.

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## Election aftermath in France and West Germany

# Mixed blessings all round in cantonal polls

From Diana Geddes, Paris

All five main political parties in France had something to be both sad and glad about when the final results of the cantonal elections were announced by the Ministry of the Interior yesterday.

Sunday's polling was in 1,953 cantons in metropolitan France, and in five overseas departments, whose results are not yet available.

The Socialists were pleased to see their wretched score of 20.9 per cent of the vote in last June's European elections rise to 24.8 per cent, but realize that they have a long way to go to have the remotest chance of remaining in power, possibly in some centre-left coalition, after the parliamentary elections next March.

The left-wing parties together obtained 41 per cent of the vote. But that includes the Communists, and it seems increasingly unlikely that they would consider forming a new coalition with the Socialists in 1986, despite their latest decision to step down in favour of better-placed Socialist candidates in next Sunday's run-off cantonal elections.

The Communists are pleased that their electoral decline has been checked, at least temporarily. The 12.5 per cent they achieved on Sunday is slightly up on their disastrous 11 per cent in the European elections. But they are all too painfully aware of the ground they have lost since the same cantons last held elections in 1979, when they obtained 22.5 per cent of the vote.

The two main opposition parties, the Gaullist RPR and the centre-right UDF, were pleased to see the combined forces of the right achieve 57.9 per cent, fractionally above their highly successful score in the European elections.

Both parties are nevertheless disappointed to have failed by a hair's breadth to achieve an absolute majority without the extreme-right National Front. Together with smaller right-wing parties, they obtained only 49 per cent of the vote, with the National Front holding the potentially critical balance of 8.8 per cent.

If the National Front was disappointed that it failed to improve on or even equal its European election score of 11 per cent, it did not show it. Indeed, M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the Front's pugnacious leader, proclaimed Sunday's result as "a great victory" for the party – and not altogether without reason: it was the first time that the extreme-right had made any significant inroads at cantonal level across the country.

If the opposition repeats last Sunday's score in the parliamentary elections next year, it will of course win a landslide victory, provided the same system of majority voting is still in force. But it will not be: President Mitterrand has promised to introduce an as yet unquantified "dose" of proportional representation, which threatens greatly to disturb the present balance of political forces.

Many Socialists have pointed to the results as evidence of their claim of a certain *frémissement*, or quiver, of public opinion in their favour. But few would yet be so rash as M Louis Marmaz, Socialist President of the National Assembly, who declared yesterday: "Things are going much better for the left. This is the last election which will be difficult."

There will be run-off elections next Sunday in some 60 per cent of the cantons where no single candidate achieved an absolute majority on the first round.





M Raymond Barre, former French Prime Minister, voting near Lyons; and Herr Lafontaine and his wife after his Saarland win.

# Kohl faces fresh problems

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

**Herr Oskar Lafontaine's personal achievement in winning the conservative Roman Catholic Saarland for the Social Democrats for the first time since it was reintegrated into West Germany dominated the headlines yesterday, and there was speculation that the increased SPD representation in the Bundesrat, the Upper House of Parliament, will cause problems for Chancellor Kohl.**

**Herr Lafontaine won 49.2 per cent of the vote, holding the Greens to a paltry 2.5 per cent, and gaining an absolute majority of 27 of the state Parliament's 51 seats.**

**Chancellor Kohl spoke of the "painful loss" of the small state, but the Government's disappointment is mitigated by the conviction that the triumph of this 41-year-old left-winger will increase the polarization in the opposition SPD between those calling for more radical policies and those intent on moving the party back to the centre to win votes.**

**The debate will be intensified by the humiliating defeat in West Berlin of Herr Hans Apel, a former SPD Defence Minister, on the party's right wing. In the party's worst result since the war in a traditional left-wing city, he won only 32.4 per cent of the vote, compared with the handsome 46.6 per cent for Herr Eberhard Diepgen, the CDU Mayor.**

**Berlin in many ways is a special case, and Herr Apel clearly did not enjoy the full backing of his own party or of the left, many of whom resented yet another outsider being sent in to rescue the SPD.**

**There is relief in Bonn that a clear result has emerged in Berlin, where a hung Parliament, or one in which the balance was held by the radical Alternative List, as the Greens are known, would have been especially dangerous.**

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# Reprimand for Danish captain

**Copenhagen – Magistrates here yesterday found the captain of a Danish naval frigate, which accidentally fired a Harpoon surface-to-surface missile on a holiday camp area north-west of the Danish capital in 1982, guilty of negligence and ordered that he be officially reprimanded The accident caused forest fires and severe damage to property**

**Captain Henning Olsen was in charge of the frigate when the missile went off during a Nato exercise in the Baltic.**

**Denmark is suing the missile's US manufacturer in connection with the firing.**

# New Yorker changes hands

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

In spite of the objections of its legendary editor and many of the staff who worship him, the *New Yorker* magazine, America's idiosyncratic fountainhead of fine writing and humour, is being sold to the Newhouse publishing empire.

The magazine's directors have agreed to sell for $142 million to Mr Samuel Newhouse, who, with his brother, Donald, heads the family business that forms the country's third-largest newspaper chain and owns the Random House publishers and Conde Nast, which publishes, among other magazines, *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*.

Mr Newhouse has promised that the *New Yorker* will continue to plough its singular furrow. He will respect its editorial independence.

The *New Yorker* is an extraordinarily private community of writers benignly ruled by its shy father-figure editor, Mr William Shawn. By some seemingly mysterious process it puts out a weekly magazine devoted to dry humour in word and cartoon and to a certain excellence and style in lengthy reportage.

The magazine has not changed much over the years. It is, above all, a college of writers who are not expected to submit to the coarse indignity of deadlines. Its editorial atmosphere is almost that of a closed order and editor and writers are notably loyal to each other.

Mr Shawn, who is 77, has edited for 32 years and is adored as an editor-genius and magnanimous protector and encourager of writers.

He is only the second editor in the magazine's 60 years' history.

He succeeded the eccentric, brilliant, raucous and irascible Harold Ross, who, after a flop of a beginning in 1925, filled the magazine with the work of writers like James Thurber, Dorothy Parker, E. B. White, S. J. Perelman and John O'Hara.

In Harold Ross's day The *New Yorker* had a stronger emphasis on humour. It still publishes some of the best cartoons in America.

In the tradition-bound stately home of the *New Yorker*, the Newhouse takeover is an earthquake.

# Unita to hand over 22 hostages this week

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

At least 22 foreigners, including three Britons, captured by the Angolan guerrilla movement, Unita, will be handed over this week to representatives of the International Red Cross at the rebels' headquarters at Jamba in the south-eastern Angolan bush.

A Red Cross spokesman in Pretoria said the captives would be flown to Johannesburg, where they were expected to arrive on Thursday. They are said to be in good health, despite a forced 700-mile trek on foot and by lorry to Jamba.

The Britons are Mr Glen Dixon and Mr John McMichael, both engineers, and Mr Paul Huggins, the loadmaster of an American-owned Hercules aircraft destroyed in a Unita attack on the northern diamond-mining town of Kafunfo where they were captured last December.

Two American members of the aircraft crew and 17 Filipinos are among those to be released, the spokesman said.

The prisoners' release had been planned to take place about three weeks ago but was delayed for reasons that are not yet clear. In February of last year 16 other Britons were seized in Kafunfo and were only released after a British Foreign Office official was sent

# Sihanouk abandons HQ to the Vietnamese

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

Three thousand anti-Vietnamese guerrillas yesterday abandoned the military headquarters of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian resistance leader, at Tatum on the Thai border, after a week-long siege.

A spokesman for the Prince described the retreat as "a strategic withdrawal" in the face of overwhelming Vietnamese forces. He said the guerrillas were moving to new positions behind the attacking Vietnamese.

Earlier Tatum was subjected to heavy artillery attacks, according to Thai military officers on the border.

This latest set-back for the Cambodian resistance coincided with the arrival in Bangkok of President Li Xiannian, the first Chinese head of state to make an official visit to Thailand since diplomatic relations were established ten years ago.

President Li did not refer to Cambodia on his arrival but said he hoped his visit would enhance a friendship and understanding between the two countries. However, as China is its main supporter, the problems of the Cambodian resistance will feature prominently in the President's discussions with the Thai Government during his five-day visit.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian resistance leader, whose military headquarters were at Tatum, had repeatedly appealed to China to attack Vietnam across its southern border, to take military pressure off his guerrillas.

Prince Sihanouk is reported to have ordered the retreat from Tatum after overcoming opposition from his military commanders, who wanted to fight on. The guerrillas claim to have killed about 800 Vietnamese at Tatum, with a loss of only 20 of their own men.

● **PEKING:** Vietnamese forces fired more than 16,000 shells at Chinese positions over the weekend and attacked the border more than 20 times but China's troops beat them back, the official news agency Xinhua reported yesterday (AP reports).

"The Vietnamese troops continued incursions into China's Yunnan province in the past few days," Xinhua said. "All their attacks were repulsed."

It gave no details of casualties or damage but said the hostilities lasted from Friday until early yesterday.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

## Vietnam

# Nguyen Chi Thien

By Caroline Moorehead

**A poet, who once earned his living giving private lessons in English and French, is in prison in Haiphong. Nguyen Chi Thien has been in jail since 1979. Neither charged nor tried, he is held under a law which gives local administrative bodies, in consultation with the Public Security Bureau, the power to hold "obstinate counter-revolutionary elements who have committed acts detrimental to general security."**

**Deemed a "professional hooligan", he can be consigned to re-education camps for three-year periods.**

**He was influenced by the Let-a-Hundred-Flowers-Bloom movement in North Vietnam in the 1950s. Together with two friends he brought out a review called *Vi Dan* (For the People) which earned him two years in a camp. He was released in 1960, the only one of the three to survive.**

**Right up until 1978, when he was officially pardoned, he spent years in a number of re-education camps for his obdurate anti-communist views. Denied employment on his release he survived by letting out his room to prostitutes, and used part of the money to buy paper and ink.**

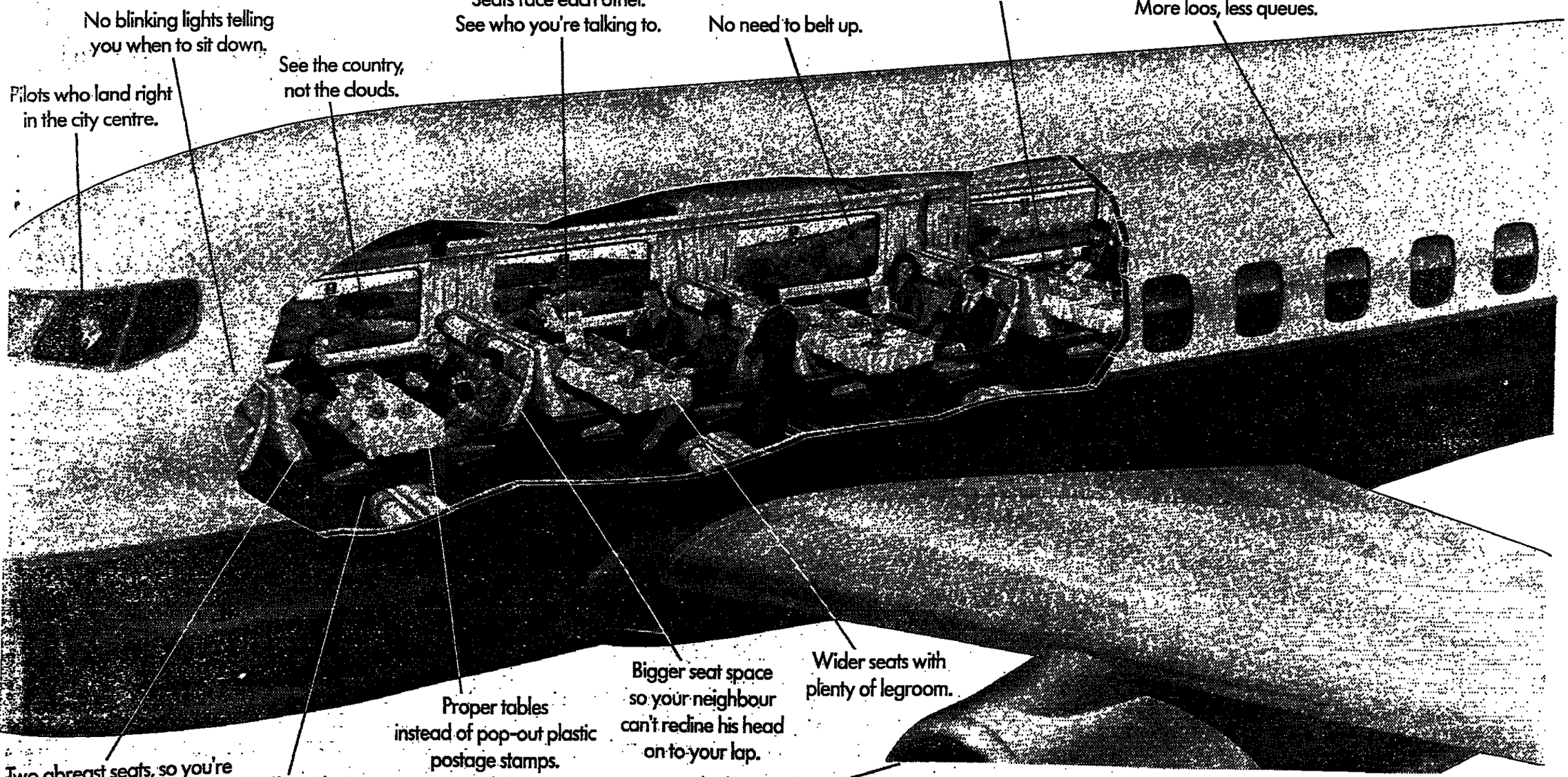
**On April 2, 1979, he went to Hanoi, entered the British Embassy, and left a manuscript of poems and a letter. The poems made their way first to London and later to the United States and have now been published under the title *Flowers from Hell*.**

**In his letter, he wrote: "It's up to us, the victims, rather than anyone else, to show to the world the incredible sufferings of our people."**



Nguyen Chi Thien: Poet let room to prostitutes.


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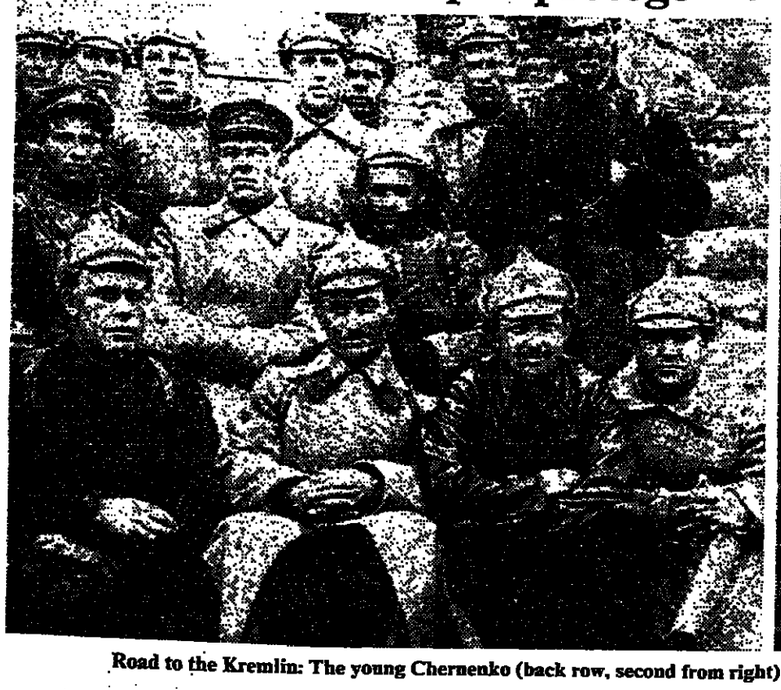
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## Rise of Andropov protégé : View from the White House : Poland looks for new ideas








Road to the Kremlin: The young Chernenko (back row, second from right) with fellow frontier guards on the Chinese border in 1932; at his election in April last year as President and (right) during voting in February this year.

### Heir apparent takes the reins

# Gorbachov's election sets younger generation on road to Russian reform

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The election of Mikhail Gorbachov as General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party (though not yet as state president) will mean far-reaching changes in Soviet policy at home and abroad since it places in power a man aged 54 who has obviously been itching to take hold of the reins and steer the cumbersome Soviet state in the direction of efficiency and reform.

As the West saw only four months ago when Gorbachov and his elegant and personable wife, Raisa, made their successful visit to London, he is an urbane and sophisticated man with political flexibility and a relaxed style.

"He is no liberal but the transition to the younger generation, which should have followed the death of Brezhnev, has finally taken place."

Gorbachov was a protégé of the late Yuri Andropov, who had obviously wanted him and not Chernenko to succeed as

### The leaders since Stalin

1953 Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev (1894-1971) gradually establishes sole supremacy after death of Stalin.

1964 Khrushchev replaced as Communist Party leader by Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev (1906-1982) and as Prime Minister by Alexei Nikolayevich Kosygin (1904-1980); the former quickly becoming pre-eminent.

1982 Yuri Vladimirovich Andropov (born 1914).

1984 Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko (born 1911).

### An eye to top level changes

General Secretary in February last year.

He is a firm advocate of the kind of economic reforms and bureaucratic streamlining which Andropov tried to introduce during his brief tenure. He is now expected to pick up where Andropov left off, and to reform the party structure with an eye to top-level changes at the forthcoming twenty-seventh party congress.

Diplomats noted that, although Khrushchev and Brezhnev had both been in their fifties when they came to power, a recent tradition had grown up whereby general secretaries were elected in their late sixties or early seventies. "Gorbachov has broken the pattern", one said.

A balding man with a purple birthmark splashed across his forehead (airbrushed out in official portraits), Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachov was born on March 2, 1931 in the Stavropol region, an agrarian area in the Russian heartland. According to his official biography, Gorbachov's parents were peasants and he worked on local collective farms as a youth. But he was unusually bright and ambitious and went to Moscow University to study law in 1955.

He is the first Soviet leader to come from a generation that did not take an active part in the Second World War and which received a full education in the post-war years. Unlike other Politburo members, most of whom studied at evening class at best, Gorbachov has a degree in law and another degree in agriculture from his native Stavropol.

His wife, who impressed observers in London with her freewheeling style and knowledge (especially of art) has a degree in philosophy.

After graduation, Gorbachov went back to Stavropol and began his climb up the political ladder, becomming head of the Komsomol (young communist league). He progressed by leaps and bounds, first taking charge of collective farms in the region and then, it 1970, becoming First Secretary of the Party in Stavropol. He was still only in his forties.

In 1978 Mikhail Suslov, then the *Eminence Grise* of the Politburo, brought him to Moscow to fill the vacant and powerful post of Central Committee Secretary for Agriculture. He pioneered the innovative "contract" system of team payments by results.

The next year, in a remarkable and meteoric rise, Gorbachov was catapulted into the Politburo, first as a candidate member and, in 1980, as a full member.

The former lawyer and combine harvester driver, who was only aged 10 when Hitler invaded Russia, was in sight of supreme power at the age of 49. He was passed over when Brezhnev died in 1982 and again last year when Andropov died, but was nonetheless steadily consolidating his power base. He acquired responsiblitiy not only for the economy but also for ideology, party appointments and some aspects of foreign affairs, putting him in an almost unassailable position. Towards the end of last year the editor of *Pravda* went so far as to describe Gorbachov as "our Second General Secretary".

On February 24 when President Chernenko was shown on television casting his vote but was too ill to be seen in person, officials invited foreign correspondents to watch Gorbachov instead, a firm indication that he was the heir apparent and already in charge of day-to-day affairs. He walked confidently into the polling station, basking with his wife and granddaughter in the glare of television lights, and exchanged banter with those watching him.

Last Thursday he sat on the plaform at the Bolshoi Theatre during a gala marking International Women's Day, sitting between Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Tikhonov, the Prime Minister, relaxed and authoritative in his well-cut suit and gold watch, clearly conscious of the fact that in the ailing President Chernenko's absence he was the unchallenged successor.

### Resistance from the old guard

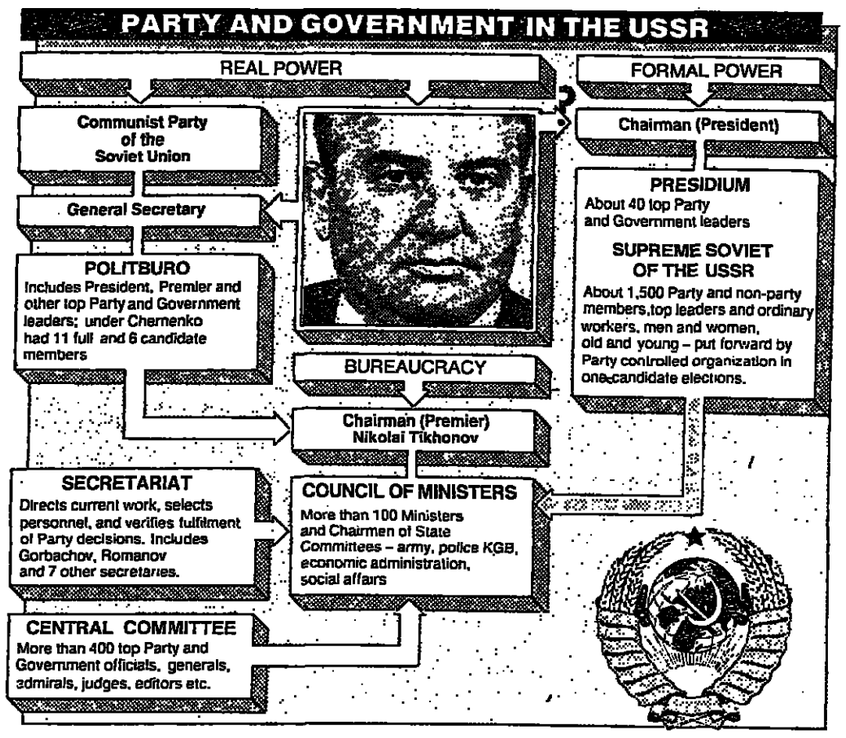
Mr Grigoiri Romanov, aged 62, once considered a formidable rival, was not even present. Mr Viktor Grishin, aged 70, the Moscow city party boss was there but in a fairly low position, reflecting the fact that he is not a central committee secretary as well as a Politburo member.

In one of his recent speeches Gorbachov declared that Russia needed freshness of thought, a bold creative approach to problems and a vigorous struggle "against all that is hypocritical and obsolete".

Diplomats said yesterday that Gorbachov would now have a fight on his hands to pursue that approach in the face of resistance from the old guard, but that he would undoubtedly give Russia an image of dynamic leadership after years of ailing gerontocracy.

For the West the emergence of Gorbachov as leader augers an era of detente, since,as Mrs Thatcher so memorably remarked last December, he is a "man we can do business with", one diplomat said: "A stagnating Russia in decline, or a reformed and more purposeful Russian offering young leadership in the Kremlin and stiff competition politically, diplomatically, and perhaps even economically?"

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**In official descriptions of the USSR political structure, the Supreme Soviet is defined as the "highest representative body of the people and the supreme state authority". Representatives chosen by local Party-controlled organizations are elected as the sole candidate for each constituency. There are two houses: a Soviet, or council of the Union, and the Soviet of nationalities. The Supreme Soviet has a high proportion of non-Russians, non-Party members, young people and women but little real influence. The 1977 Constitution actually recognized the "leading role of the Communist Party" and it is its Politburo and Central Committee Secretariat – not elected by the population, but composed of carefully selected supporters of the General Secretary and other leaders – which in practice rules the USSR. The Central Committee is composed of about 400 top officials including the members of the executive body, the Council of Ministers, with its chairman Premier Tikhonov; in theory they are elected by the Supreme Soviet. There are no women or young people in the Politburo or Secretariat, and very few women in the Central Committee.**

**Mr Gorbachov now heads the Party, and is expected to follow the example of the three previous Party leaders by becoming President too, the formal Head of State or Chairman of the Supreme Soviet.**

**●The USSR is, under the 1977 Constitution, a federal state with 15 Union republics, of equal status, voluntarily linked and with the right to secede. Some Union republics contain Autonomous Republics and Autonomous Regions; and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic has 10 National Areas.**

### Washington's hopes

# Reagan still sees 'Star Wars' as key to policy

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan has seen the deaths of three Soviet leaders. He was suspicious of Brezhnev, hostile towards Andropov but began a thaw with Chernenko after three years of bitter rhetoric.

The Administration does not expect the succession of Mr Gorbachov, to affect superpower relations fundamentally in the short-term. But Washington views the longer-term, under a younger, more dynamic leader, with uncertainty.

The fact that the Soviet Union is not postponing the Geneva arms talks clearly indicates to Washington that Kremlin leaders are anxious not to break the momentum of improved relations with the US. Administration policy-makers believe that under Mr Gorbachov the same earnest desire for arms control negotiations will remain – if only because Moscow fears it is being outstripped and out-spent by President Reagan's military build-up.

Administration sources expect eventual changes of emphasis in Soviet foreign and domestic policy under a man who does not fit neatly into the traditional mould of the old guard, post-Stalin period.

Washington does not expect Mr Gorbachov to make early significant foreign policy changes, especially with Mr Andre Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, so firmly in charge. They believe that in the foreseeable future he will concentrate primarily on Russia's severe domestic problems.

They believe too that Mr Gorbachov will have no choice but to deal realistically in the immediate future with the hawkish American President. American "Star Wars" research will dominate Mr Gorbachov's arms control concerns, White House sources believe, because of fears that Russia will fall dramatically behind in developing high technology defensive and offensive military systems.

Mr Gorbachov's succession comes at a time when America draws immense comfort from Moscow's endemic political and economic problems. American officials point out that with the possible exception of Czechoslovakia, Russian allies in Eastern Europe all look West for crucial economic markets.

Officials say the Soviet economy is incapable of maintaining military equality with the West. They believe that the "forward" Russian strategy of the late 1970s, which culminated with the Afghanistan invasion, has ended.

The Soviet Union is left with expensive, largely unproductive Third World commitments, and desperate agricultural and economic problems at home. In contrast, American economic and military power is growing and there is renewed unity among Nato allies.

Mr Reagan has frequently complained about the rapid turnover of ailing Russian leaders. He is the only American President in modern times not to have met the top man at the Kremlin. The succession of Mr Gorbachov opens up the prospect of a summit meeting, providing it offers a reasonable prospect of success.

### Monitor's role

# How BBC followed the clues

By a Staff Reporter

Five hours after the death of Mr Chernenko the Soviet people were given little indication that all was not well at the Kremlin: Soviet TV 1 was broadcasting *The Merry Widow*.

Five minutes after that broadcast finished a scheduled programme was cancelled; so too was a programme of gypsy music and the Soviet television station closed for the night.

That was the first hint of the Soviet leader's death, and all that was needed by the BBC's monitoring service at Caversham in Berkshire "for the corporate wisdom of the BBC to be sure that Mr Chernenko had died", according to Mrs Linda Eberst, a senior supervisor, on duty last night.

She was on duty 13 months ago when the programme preview was last cancelled. The following evening it was announced that Mr Chernenko's predecessor Mr Andropov had died.

When a programme of comedy was cancelled on Moscow's home service, Radio station Mayak, soon after midnight Mrs Eberst alerted the BBC's London newsroom and subsequent news bulletins started predicting the leader's death.

### Moscow's allies

# Time ripe for a strong hand

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

Black ties at noon, a touch of Bach. Russia's allies in eastern Europe heard the news of the Kremlin passing early on Monday morning through their embassies in Moscow and through Central Committee channels.

The propaganda department heads, always the first to be roused from their beds, talked to the men from protocol and by the midday news tributes, fuller in death than in life, to Comrade Konstantin Chernenko were drafted, approved and delivered.

So rapid is the Kremlin succession that routines have now evolved. There is none of the nervous anxiety that swept the Soviet bloc on the death of Stalin, Brezhnev or even Andropov, only a matter-of-factness, a hope that business will not be interrupted for long.

But in Poland at least one senses the desire for the emergence of a strong, reform orientated, non-interventionist leader in the Kremlin. A Warsaw intellectual speaks not only for himself when he declares of the Soviet hierarchy: "We are beginning to assume them to be dead unless there is evidence to the contrary...but now the time has come for a strong hand that can guide in a new generation. We need innovators not survivors."

Mr Chernenko may well have been only a footnote in history but for the Warsaw pact he was the last major pillar of alliance policy. With his passing, the path is clear for economic and social change.

There were six main architects of Soviet policy towards its allies: Brezhnev, whose doctrine of limited sovereignty justified the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia; Andropov, whose KGB network and experience as Ambassador to Hungary helped to define the scope and limits of change in eastern Europe; Mikhail Suslov, whose job as ideological overlord checked any attempt in the bloc to dillute the power of the Communist Party.

Dimitri Ustinov, whose background in the defence industry made him push hard for Warsaw pact standardization; Chernenko and Andrei Gromyko.

During the Chernenko absence, relations between the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe have been conducted on four planes.

● The regular coordination of policy through embassies and the powerful Soviet ambassadors who act in some of the allied countries, notably East Germany, as a kind of imperial pro-consul.

● The military network. Warsaw pact Commander V Marshal Viktor Kulikov is the most frequent Soviet visitor to the allies. He is pressing the bloc to speed up domestic production of arms, urging modernization and efficiency on all of the pact armies. Whoever succeeds Chernenko, this pressure will continue.

● Scientific and economic. Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and East Germany all have economic reform programmes that turn them to a lesser or greater degree in a westward direction. But the price of this is closer scientific cooperation with Moscow. In return, Soviet oil deliveries will stay relatively cheap. Will the new Kremlin leader approve of this form of cooperation?

● Ideological control, since the death of Suslov, this has been a question of low-key articles in the Soviet Press. Visiting propaganda specialists like Boris Stukhalin remind Poland that the powers of the church must be curbed and that the young generation must be won over to socialism.

The favoured successor in most of the Soviet bloc will be a man who does not stress military expenditure and Conecon integration over the need for reform.

Perhaps the most apprehensive of the Warsaw allies is Czechoslovakia. The leadership of Gustav Husak has remained substantially unchanged since the Russian invasion of 1968. The thought of economic reform, which triggered off the prague spring, still haunts the Husak men.

### Book of Condolence

# Embassy goes into mourning

By Christine Twomey

**A black-edged Soviet flag was flying at half mast outside the Soviet Embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens yesterday morning.**

**A first secretary at the embassy, Mr Gennady Chabannikov, said all embassy staff were "in a deep state of sorrow" after hearing the news of Mr Chernenko's death. "You can never expect such sad news."**

**Mr Chabannikov said the usual diplomatic protocol was being followed in this country with a book of condolences, reserved solely for expression of regret at the death of a Soviet President, being opened this morning at 10am.**

**He would not comment on whether the Soviet ambassador to Britain would fly to Moscow for the funeral or say whether any private announcements of Mr Chernenko's death had been made to Mrs Thatcher.**

**Mr Chabannikov then issued the following statement: "Yesterday on the 11th March at 7.20pm the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPFU, the President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviets K. U. Chernenko passed away after a serious illness. The book of condolences will be opened at the embassy from 10am to 6pm on the 12th and 13th March.**

**He said a statement issued earlier in the morning in Moscow had read as follows: "The Central Committee of the CPSU, Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and the Council of Ministers of the USSR inform with profound sorrow to the party and all the Soviet people that on the 10th of March at 7.20pm after a serious illness the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU, the chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko passed away.**

### East-West relations

# Bonn seeks a friendly ear

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

**Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Herr Hans-Deitrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, who is interrupting his Latin America tour to attend Chernenko's funeral, will try to impress on the new Soviet leader their country's urgent interest in restarting a normal dialogue with the Soviet Union.**

**Herr Genscher travelled to Moscow last week to try to convince Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, that Bonn would not accept being isolated by its eastern neighbours. Though he received a sharp response, the message he and the Chancellor will be carrying this time will be much the same – only they hope that it will find a more sympathetic ear in Mr Gorbachov.**

**No one in Bonn believes the substance of Soviet policy will change with Mr Chernenko's death. Herr Kohl told a news conference yesterday that the Soviet leadership had been a collective one since the days of Khrushchev. But there are hopes here that Mr Gorbachov will play a more active role in formulating foreign policy than his predecessor, and may bring fresh ideas to bear on East-West relations.**

**At Mr Andropov's funeral last year Herr Kohl had lengthy and cordial talks with Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader – the only time he has done so since becoming Chancellor. The two men will undoubtedly use the convenience of the Moscow location, which does not cause any embarrassment to Herr Honecker, to discuss bilateral relations and the chances for an improvement after last autumn's chill.**

**Herr Kohl may again discuss a possible visit to Bonn by Mr Honecker, but is not likely to push for that if it would cause the East German leader further difficulties at present.**

**The funeral comes at a time when Bonn has been doing its best to stop the tide of anti-German rhetoric pouring out of Moscow as the Soviet Union prepares to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of VE-Day.**

**Chancellor Kohl is likely to impress on Mr Gorbachov and Mr Gromyko the need to get back to a more constructive dialogue after May 8.**

**Mrs Thatcher gave the Chancellor a thorough briefing on her impressions of Mr Gorbachov after his visit to Britain in December, and Herr Kohl will be eager to convey to the new Soviet leader his country's interest in good political and economic relations.**

**Germany does not now play the important role as a mediator between Moscow and Washington that it did a few years ago, and the Russians have bluntly told German politicians that Bonn's support for Washington's space defence plans can only harm Soviet-German relations.**

**Bonn, however, has refused to be intimidated by this, and there has been some Government annoyance at what seemed like a hint from Herr Genscher to Mr Gromyko that Bonn would try to moderate the Reagan administration's plans. Publicly, Bonn has gone out of its way to give the Reagan administration firm backing before the opening of the Geneva talks.**

### World reaction

# Leaders praise an era of improved relations

London (Reuter, AP) – World leaders paid their condolences yesterday after the death of President Chernenko, praising him for a period of internal stability and improved relations between the superpowers.

The 35-nation European disarmament conference in Stockholm observed a minute's silence and suspended normal business for a day, but reactions were generally muted after several months of speculation that the Soviet leader was terminally ill.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, paid tribute to his "genuine interest in a peaceful solution of international problems"

The Swedish Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme, expressing hope that the Geneva arms talks starting today would lead to an improved international climate, said: "President Chernenko showed in his statements that he placed great emph asis on the issue of arms control".

The Soviet Union's Eastern Bloc allies quickly carried the news on their official media with varying degrees of solemnity.

Prague radio broke into a programme of mournful music with the announcement, calling Chernenko "a great fighter for peace and understanding among people".

In Sofia, black streamers were hung on Eastern Bloc flags around the capital and the radio piped a constant stream of funeral music.

East Germany, which called Chernenko an outstanding personality of the Communist Party and Soviet state, decreed a day of public mourning throughout the country tomorrow.

In the Far East, Japan joined other Asian and Pacific countries in expressing regret at Chernenko's passing.

# Bush criticizes warring Ethiopian factions for depriving starving of aid

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

A sharp rebuke to the warring factions in Ethiopia was delivered by Mr George Bush, US Vice-President, speaking at yesterday's session of the UN conference on the emergency in Africa. Pointing out that about eight million people in Ethiopia were afflicted by starvation and disaster, he said that it was impossible to accept silence on the fact that perhaps 2.5 million of them in the northern area of the country were being deprived of aid.

"All concerned must put aside politics to bring relief to those in need", he said, addressing himself to the Ethiopian Government and to the sucessionist movement in Eritrea and Tigre.

Just as threatened populations could not eat ideology, they also could not sustain themselves on vague pledges. Much more had to be done in coordinating commitments, so that food was delivered on schedule from where it was grown to where it was needed.

The US, as it did last year, would meet half of the emergency food requirements, estimated at three million tonnes for 20 countries. Its total food and drought assistance this year would amount to more than $1 billion.

In the longer term, he was heartened by pragmatic developments such as the new strain of drought-resistant sorghum in the Sudan, increasing yield by 150 per cent. On desertification, he recalled that in the 1930s when the US central plains experienced dust-bowl conditions similar to areas of the Sahel today, "farmers lived in a half-lit world beneath the dust clouds of the expanding desert". People said the land would never again produce crops.

They had been wrong. An important part of the food America was now supplying came from what was once the dust bowl. With more research, Africa, too, could reclaim its once-productive land.

President Julius Nyerere, of Tanzania, chairman of the Organization of African Unity, expressed the thanks of the "voiceless millions" in Africa for help already provided by peoples and governments.

He hoped that a significent precedent had been established through cooperation in Ethiopia between various countries, including the US, UK and the Soviet Union. Perhaps greater international cooperation for peace and development could come out of Africa's misery of hunger and starvation.

He underlined how essential it was to look beyond the emergency and provide development assistance, particularly in food production, so that the continent could remove its extreme vulnerability to natural disasters.

The same point was made by Señor Pérez de Cuellar, UN Secretary General, who said that only by sustainable future development could Africa's peoples build "new lives of dignity and hope".

The urgency of that imperative was underlined by the fact that, at today's growth rate, Africa would by the end of the century have to feed an extra 324 million people.



Mr Bush: "Relief for needy before politics".

# Red tape strangles aid in Sudan

From Michael Prest, Geneina

A plethora of agencies anxious to help Sudan tackle its multiple refugee, famine and drought crises is testing the country's creaky administration to the limit.

Official distinctions between these different aspects of the tragedy overtaking Sudan are breaking down, causing demarcation disputes between agencies, and between agencies and the Government.

In this dusty, dilapidated frontier town in the far west of Sudan, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the body which is supposed to coordinate relief for refugees from outside Sudan, has found itself providing for a camp half of whose inhabitants are local Sudanese.

Asirne camp, which is 30 minutes' drive by landrover across rough country from Geneina, holds about 30,000 people. Another 100 at least arrive daily.

Whole villages in the region have been abandoned as thousands drift south in search of food and water. Mr Andrew Cowley, the local UNHCR field officer, says that 3,000 extra people materialize at Asirne when food is distributed, in principle once a week.

In those villages which remain inhabited, relief workers have found that more than half the population is suffering from malnutrition. At Asirne 195 children are receiving special supplementary feeding.

Mr Cowley believes that nearer 300 children should in fact be receiving supplementary food.

But whose responsibility is it to feed the villagers? UNHCR, working in conjunction with the Sudan Commissioner for Refugees, is in a quandary. It cannot ignore this need, yet strictly speaking the Sudanese are not in charge.

The Sudan Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Abdel Magid Beshir Al-Ahmedi, does not head a department able to coordinate the approximately 30 foreign agencies active in this country.



On the bridge: Israeli soldiers crossing the Qasmieh bridge over the Litani river in southern Lebanon yesterday after patrolling north of it in search of guerrillas.

# Menace of a Shin Bet 'social visit'

From Robert Fisk, Harif, southern Lebanon

The Israeli Shin Bet intelligence commander in the Shia Muslim village of Harif uses the *nom de guerre* of "Abu Shawki". Everyone knows Abu Shawki. He is a blond-haired Israeli, bespectacled and in mid-thirties, who runs the Shin Bet office where the Irish United Nations troops say they often see civilians being hooded before interrogation.

The hoods worry the villagers of Harif, but not as much as Abu Shawki's social calls on the little shops in the village's scruffy main street.

Last week, his Mercedes pulled up outside a small souvenir shop where Wafik Daqiq sells cedar tree flags and his hand-carved wooden camels to Irish and Dutch UN troops.

It was three in the afternoon, and Abu Shawki came accompanied. His plain-clothes Israeli colleague stood in the door with a gun while the Irish soldiers watched from outside.

According to a Lebanese man in the shop – anonymity is obligatory in places like Harif these days – Abu Shawki looked toward Daqiq and said: "Hey you, come here. What's your name?" Daqiq was ordered to present himself at the Shin Bet office at 5.30 and he did as he was told.

He was not hooded when he went there. He was, according to relatives and the UN, simply deprived of his passport by the Israelis and ordered to collect his wife and daughter and his brother's wife and leave Harif within 24 hours.

The Israelis even took his UN identification pass as a UN interpreter – the Irish have still not had it returned to them by Shin Bet in spite of repeated requests – and so Wafik Daqiq and his family were forced to leave Harif next morning for Beirut without even the means to prove their own indentity.

His brother-in-law also received his marching orders from the Israelis and left the same day.

In the innocent confines of the Irish Army's mess at Tibnin – a wooden room – commandant Brian McEvitt says that the Israelis have "directly asked people to leave the area", a diplomatic way of expressing the Irish contingent's real fear: that the Israelis intend to depopulate parts of southern Lebanon of its young men before setting up a new security zone along the Israeli border.

In some cases – in the Shia homes of Bent Jbail, for example – pro-Israeli Lebanese militiamen have demanded 40 Lebanese pounds a month from every man, woman and child if they wish to stay.

Numerous villagers and Irish UN officers confirm that three prominent Lebanese gunmen working for the Israelis – Ali Khalil, Ahmed Chibli and Akl Hashem – have visited Yatar and told the people there that they must pay 150,000 Lebanese pounds (about £7,000) if they do not want their village destroyed.

If this campaign against Yatar and Harif and other villages in southern Lebanon appears haphazard, it makes a lot more sense when one realizes that Israel's new front line is likely to run through the very centre of the Irish Army's zone.

The Israelis have denied any such idea to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin; but their denial is incorrect.

Israeli reconnaissance patrols, occasionally losing their way around Tibnin, are now specifically searching for locations for new military bases on the hills outside Harif.

The final choice has yet to be made. But Wafiq Daqiq and his family will be far away when they learn the Israeli decision.

# Cool welcome for Mubarak proposal

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt meets President Reagan today in the slim hope of persuading the United States to take an early direct and active role in Middle East diplomacy.

The US is cool towards President Mubarak's principal proposal, that the Reagan Administration should invite a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to Washington to discuss peace moves in the Middle East. US officials say that the Administration will proceed cautiously until there appears to be some real prospect of Jordan beginning direct talks with Israel on Palestinian autonomy.

President Mubarak is unlikely to get a sympathetic hearing when he seeks $1.6 billion in aid in addition to the planned totals for the financial years 1985 and 1986.

Members of Congress of both parties have signed a resolution, or written personally to President Reagan, complaining about Egyptian policies.

# Fears for the future of Greece

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the conservative Opposition leader, accused the ruling Greek socialists yesterday of engineering a constitutional crisis to get rid of President Karamanlis, delay parliamentary elections, and gradually impose a totalitarian constitution in Greece.

"The only way to protect democracy, safeguard normal developments, and preserve the unity of the Greek people is to go to immediate elections," Mr Mitsotakis said.

His party, New Democracy, would do all in its power not to exacerbate an already explosive situation. He told a press conference, however, that in the absence of President Karamanlis, who acted as a national guarantee, he would demand foolproof safeguards that the elections would be fair.

Mr Karamanlis's presence had also been a guarantee for Greece's direction in foreign affairs, he said. Now too many question marks hovered, especially about the Greek economy, which was headed for catastrophe. He said that the country could not withstand such uncertainty for long.

He urged the Government to call off the procedure for the presidential election, which for technical reasons was postponed until March 17, and to hold parliamentary elections on May 5. "Let the next parliament elect the president," he said.

President Karamanlis resigned suddenly on Sunday to protest against the socialist Government's constitutional reforms which would make Greek presidents largely ceremonial figures.

Almost at the same time the proposed constitutional reforms were being tabled in Parliament, Mr Mitsotakis said they reminded him of the machinations of Adolf hitler in 1933.

The New Democracy leader singled out the socialists' intention to make amendments to the constitution easier by an enhanced majority in one parliament rather than across two parliamentary terms.

He said: "This would create a constitutional uncertainty leading to a perpetual revolution in which the constitutional order would be determined by the government which controls the majority. It could easily convert Greece into a totalitarian state."

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# Store bombs seen as a prank

Bonn (Reuter) – The bombing of a Dortmund department store last week in which nine people were injured was not the work of political extremists, the West German Interior Ministry said.

Police holding four men aged between 18 and 24 on suspicion of planting the bomb were satisfied the attack was not carried out by terrorists of the left or the right, a spokesman said. He told a news conference that investigators were still trying to establish the motive for the crime.

The mass-circulation newspaper *Bild* quoted security sources as saying the explosion in the Hertie chain store "was probably a dumb, childish prank."

## Townships riots claim six lives

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Six back people died, two of them in a gun battle with police, during a weekend of rioting and arson in South African townships, police said.

At least 79 people were arrested around the country with the worst violence erupting at two townships in the Eastern Cape province, Tinus and Kwanobuhle.

## Police toll

Peking (Reuter) – At least 104 policemen have been killed in the past 18 months during China's crackdown on crime, according to a Government minister. In a speech the deputy Public Security Minister, Mr Hu Zhiguang, gave no details of how the policemen died, but he revealed that 1,022 officers were injured in the drive.

## Victims' fury

San Antonio, Chile (AFP) – Police dispersed 1,500 earthquake victims with tear gas here when they began shouting complaints about the slow arrival of relief supplies. Thousands of people here still lacking shelter seven days after the quake, which practically flattened this port and killed 18 inhabitants.

## Peru massacre

Lima (AFP) – Two mass graves containing bodies of 30 Indian peasants who had been shot were found near Huanta, 200 miles east-south-east of here, police said. Vultures attracted investigators to the scene, and terrified peasants living nearby said the bodies had been buried at night two weeks ago presumably by Maoist guerrillas.

Chemical warfare initiative

# Britain takes lead in Geneva

By Henry Stanhope

Britain will contribute to arms control today in Geneva by launching an initiative at the long-running talks on chemical weapons.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, will introduce a series of proposals on verification procedures – still the main obstacle preventing agreement.

Mr George Bush, the US vice-presidential, tabled a draft American treaty at the Geneva conference on disarmament a year ago. Since then, Britain has been prominent among other Western powers in trying to put flesh on the bones", as one source put it.

Several governments have been seeking a chemical weapons ban since the end of the last century. After the gas attacks of the First World War the Geneva Protocol of 1925 was signed.

However, the protocol only prohibits use of chemical munitions only in wartime, leaving countries free to produce and stockpile them out of mutual distrust. A comprehensive treaty outlawing microbiological, or germ weapons was signed in 1972. Since then East and West have concentrated upon reaching a similar settlement on chemical warfare.

Britain destroyed all its chemical weapons in the 1950s. The US has large stockpiles in Europe and at home but has not produced any since 1969.

However, the Soviet Union has not only continued to manufacture and store large stocks but has specially-assigned troops who apparently stimulate their use on exercises.

Verification remains the biggest difficulty because modern nerve gases so resemble chemicals used in industrial plants for products like pesticides, that cheating would be all too easy without independent on-site inspection.

Until now the Soviet Union has steadfastly refused to countenance such an idea. But recently there have been signs of a change of heart – notably its decision to sign an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency which would allow limited inspection of nuclear power plants.

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# Call to Europe's peace groups

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

An attempt is being made to forge new links between the growing peace movements in Eastern Europe and their Western colleagues, through an appeal which is published for the first time today.

But the determination of protesters in the Eastern bloc to link their campaign against nuclear weapons with a call for political *reform* at home, is threatening to alienate left-wing peaceworkers in the West.

The so-called Prague Appeal has been sponsored by Charter 77, the Czech human rights organization – which has submitted it for signature by similar groups in Hungary, Poland and East Germany.

But members of the organization have already reported cases of extreme harassment by East European authorities who have subjected those behind the appeal to interrogation and threats in recent weeks.

Now the appeal, which has been signed by 45 people, mainly from the Charter organization, will be submitted to the annual conference in Amsterdam next July of the European Nuclear Disarmament movement.

Extracts from the appeal, which is written in the form of an open letter to the July conference, are being printed by *The Times* with the co-operation of the Palach Press Agency.

In a separate initiative to mark International Women's Day last week, women from East Germany and Czechoslovakia joined colleagues from Britain, Italy and West Germany is condemning *both* Soviet and American nuclear weapons and calling for "*détente* from below."

The Prague Appeal, after referring to the divisions in Europe since the Second World War and says "our common hope lies in overcoming this division."

"The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and its Final Act signed in Helsinki are like the subsequent talks and the Final Document of Madrid follow-up conference, not just an acknowledgement of the status quo, but also constitute a programme of European and Euro-American cooperation . . ."

"The requirement that governments should fulfil all their undertakings and obligations has not been made full use of by the peace movement."

It continues: A democratic and sovereign Europe is inconceivable so long as individual citizens, groups of citizens or nations are denied the right to take part in decisions, affecting not only their everyday lives but also their very survival. Within a framework of cooperation and dialogue among all those who genuinely seek to overcome the present dangerous situation, it should be possible to come forward with different disarmament initiatives and proposals; the creation of nuclear-free and neutral zones, the encouragement of relations between individuals, groups and states, support for agreements on non-aggression as well as the renunciation of the use of force or nuclear weapons, and finally regional treaties of all kinds, including for example rapprochement between the EEC and the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance. Within this framework citizens should be able to campaign against the insensitive treatment of the environment and, taking governments at their word, analyse government policies and their effects. In short it is necessary to support actions by individuals, groups and governments seeking the rapprochement and free association of European nations while rejecting any measures which might postpone or thwart the achievement of this ideal.

# Iran agrees to halt civilian attacks

Tehran (Reuter) – Iran said it had agreed to a UN call for a halt in attacks on civilian targets as from 2359gmt last night.

The national news agency, Irna, said the Foreign Minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, had notified the UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, in a cable that Iran accepted his ceasefire proposal.

In another development, Iran said its warplanes hit Baghdad and three northern Iraqi towns yesterday and downed an Iraqi MiG jet on their way back to base.

War Information Headquarters in Tehran said in a statement that the attacks, in retaliation for Iraqi bombardment of Iranian civilians, took place early yesterday. Iran said earlier that Iranian planes had hit strategic targets in Baghdad, but gave no details.

Witnesses in the Iraqi capital said three Iranian planes raided the east of the city, killing or wounding several people and destroyg houses.

The Iranian statement said their jets had also hit the towns of Amadiyah, Aqra and Khurmatu, all in northern Iraq, and shot down an Iraqi MiG.

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# THE ARTS

## Galleries: John Russell Taylor reviews a British variety

# Conflicting pulls of recognition

One of the greatest problems for an artist who achieves any reputation and following at all must be to strike a happy balance between recognizable consistency and noticeable development. Admirers tiresomely reserve the right to complain if there is too much change (how can you tell it is the work of the same person?) and if there is not enough (does he not get tired of doing the same old thing?). Through the years, **William Scott** has trodden very delicately the fine line between the two complaints.

Though it must have occurred to even Scott's most enthusiastic supporters to wonder from time to time why he does not get bored with painting the same old shapes of frying-pans and eggs and simple kitchen pots, the little informal retrospective at Gimpel Fils until March 30, which spans the years from 1939 right up to date (*White Pan and Yellow Bowl with Four Eggs*, 1984), does indicate an impressive single-mindedness along with a clear determination to extract the maximum variety from a small range of visual motifs, which includes also the occasional expressive nude and slips happily over into abstraction and back without any noticeable grinding of gears. If, after seeing the show, you still want to know why he has chosen these particular motifs, illumination is to be found in the feature film *Every Picture Tells a Story*, opening in a couple of weeks at the Minema. Directed by William Scott's son James, it suffers from a fatal indecision between the claims of documentary and those of drama, but its account of the elder Scott's hard childhood at least helps us to understand how these first few years could have provided material for a whole lifetime's painting.

It was the fortune and misfortune of **John Bratby** to achieve fame early with a very specific kind of painting, that which got him the reputation in the mid-Fifties as the leader of an alleged "kitchen sink school". The manner could easily slip into a mannerism, and quite often in later years did. After his moment of cinematic notoriety standing in for Gulley Jimson in the film of *The Horse's Mouth*, he took Jimson's apocalyptic subject-matter into his own repertoire, but still he was somehow expected to keep coming up with highly coloured, rather expressionistic pictures of ugly scenes from suburban domestic life, varied with the occasional flower from a north London garden. His erratic later course seems to have been guided by the balancing temptations of giving in with a shrug or alarming the public by suddenly doing something completely different.

His latest show, at the Thackeray Gallery off Kensington Square until March 22, is in the second category, but should please everbody, in that it brings Bratby's familiar swirling, paint-loaded technique to bear on a subject which can well stand some radical redefinition: Venice. Apparently Bratby had never visited Venice before 1982, and the canvases of a frosty, snowbound or flooded city are full of almost palpable creative excitement, while the drawings of carnival figures ring the changes on an over-familiar theme with perfect lack of self-consciousness. Bratby is Bratby still, and the encounter of the old Bratby with a new locale could hardly be more satisfactory for both.

Unlike as they are, **John Hoyland** and **John Wonnacott** have more things in common than their emergence in the early Sixties. As we can see from the shows of their latest work at Waddington and Marlborough Fine Art respectively (Hoyland until March 30, Wonnacott until April 12), they both raise this question of consistency without monotony. Hoyland has for some years been painting the same splodgy, highly-coloured abstracts, which seem to be flung on to the canvas at a rate, if we take the labels literally, of about one a day, and go in rough cycles devoted to various combinations of particular shapes. This time the compositions are all of a circle within a square, and within the circle float triangles, circles and looser rounded shapes which might, for the sake of argument, be bananas or aubergines on a plate. Since there seems to be very little in these paintings other than the sheer physical repsonse of the painter to colour, they depend heavily for their effect on how the spectator responds to his response. For myself I find them rather too coarse and casual in their effect – is that really all there is? – but I would not know how to argue with those who think them wonderful.

John Wonnacott, in contrast, is a minutely representational painter, concentrating to the point of obsession on the views from the window of his studio overlooking a rather flat and dreary part of the Thames Estuary. His last show at Marlborough struck me as proficient but rather dreary. Either I have softened or he has brightened, for the new show has moments of real magic. Only, oddly enough, when he stays close to home: the two ambitious pictures set in Norwich, where he teaches, are photorealism in all the less appealing senses of the term. But when he is rendering the changes of light and weather across the sandy flats he has an extraordinary feeling for that very English sort of glaring greyness or the flattening effect of dusty sunlight at mid-afternoon. I cannot remember seeing dazzling white light off a silver sea better caught than in *The Upturned Boat*, and the transformative effect of snow in one of the *Estuary Window* pictures is a total delight. Perhaps Wonnacott's art never lifts the imagination, but it certainly gives the mind a run for its money.

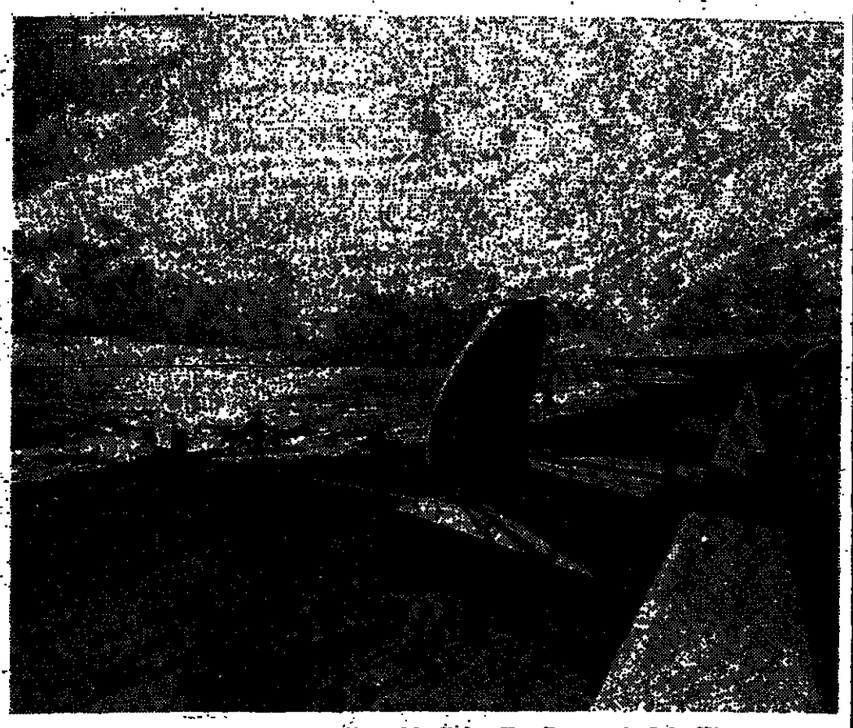
Other British painters on show at the moment who practise something akin to photorealism include **David Evans**, at the Mercury Gallery until March 23, and **David Hepher**, at Angela Flowers until Saturday. Both build on familiar styles and materials in their new shows. The pictures in David Evans's more often than not include pictures within them – paintings or photographs in frames hanging on the walls over which the light from a lamp or an unseen window so delicately and precisely plays. Others are slightly surrealistic still-lifes, sometimes with punning titles like *A Soft Blow*, which depicts a hammer resting on a satiny cushion. There is always something slightly weird about the atmosphere of Evans's work: Hepher seems at first very straightforward in comparison. His paintings of honeycomb council highrises in south London generate a quite straightforward, if slightly voyeuristic, human interest. Lately he has moved on to re-creating ideas from Piranesi prints in paint, and the results are curious and impressive, though one cannot but wonder where he goes from here.

The relation of **Michael Porter** to external reality is much more elusive. His latest show, at Anne Berthoud's handsome new gallery upstairs at 10 Clifford Street until April 4, is aptly if not quite accurately entitled "Black and White"; the images of reedy backwaters are primarily black-and-white, but the more you look at them the more subtle touches of underlying colour emerge. A picture like *Walking through the Water* is on one level a minimal abstract, on another a vivid piece of illusionist painting in the central English landscape tradition: whichever way you look at it, it is tranquil, assured and quite beautiful.

Back almost next door to Anne Berthoud's old home in Covent Garden, the Paton Gallery is showing until March 30 two new artists in their early twenties. **Erica Faith Lansley** and **Simon English**. She is for the moment the more immediately striking of the two: big, splashy paintings full of birds and bright colours, rather First-Russian-Ballet-Period in their intense yet decorative use of fairytale symbols. But he also, with his dark-toned, turbulent canvases from which at times human figures almost emerge, seems like someone well worth watching.

An influence of Abstract Expressionism is also apparent in the work of **Roy Oxlade** at the Odette Gilbert Gallery until April 6. But his work is bright and breezy, full of colour and light: the scribbly sketches of glasses and dishes and food and drink are imposed with apparent arbitrariness on light-toned background washes of mostly pastel colour, and the results, using rather the same basic materials as the new Hoylands, are full of grace and charm and individuality.

A few doors down Cork Street, at Quinton Green until March 30, are the equally light, delicate and personal paintings of **Roy Turlingham**, but instead of Oxlade's buoyancy they have a monumental immobility, as of ancient murals (or perhaps Deco wallpaper) just about to crumble from the wall. Turlingham was an industrial designer before becoming a fulltime painter, and it shows in his taste for repeated patterns of birds and fish and branches, but he manages to make them into something perfectly painterly and self-justifying. Both the adjacent Roys are, in their different ways, unashamedly decorative painters; one would be happy to live with the work of either, and that is more than you can say of many sterner but less accomplished artists today.



**An extraordinary feeling for dazzling white light off a silver sea in John Wonnacott's *The Upturned Boat* (1981-85)**

## Television

# Outlines of a vanished life

In *From an Immigrant's Notebook*, Arena (BBC 2) provided certain pictures from the life of Karen Blixen – not the least extraordinary of which were those of her in old age, emaciated from the syphilis she had once contracted from her husband, as light and as frail as a dead wasp on a window-sill. And all her life she had been trying to get out.

She was a kind of cultural tourist; in her twenties she left Denmark and sailed for Africa, the continent which would one day be the setting for her most famous book. Voluntary exiles, particularly when they carry within them the perceptions of a writer, are generally considered to be courageous and even noble creatures; but this is not necessarily the case. If one were to judge from the pictures in last night's documentary, she created within her house a little Denmark among the Masai; and, more importantly, her relationship to the Africans was coloured by the undoubted imperiousness of her nature. Although she celebrated the wisdom of the natives, her social attitude to them seems to have been positively feudal: one acquaintance described her life as "eighteenth-century" in manner.

Her Africa was in that sense a fantasy, for she found in the contemplation of its landscape and its people a metaphor for her emotional condition: here was the "freedom" she lacked elsewhere, and the "purity" which she had lost. One cannot help but feel that her accounts of the Masai, for example, are determined by the nature of her own obsessions – in her imaginative life, also, she was feudal and imposed her own conceptions on those around her.

This was an intelligent and sometimes beautiful documentary, which provided the outlines of a vanished life; a life vanished from Africa as much as from Europe. The programme also managed the transition from documentary to dramatic reconstruction without noticeable strain. If we are to have television studies of writers, this seems to be the best way of arranging them.

**Peter Ackroyd**

## Concerts

# Warm and tireless advocacy

### LSO/Groves
Barbican

Birthday concerts are liable to be as much hard work as celebration for the artists concerned, and I am sure Sir Charles Groves would not have wished it otherwise when he chose the programme for his own seventieth birthday on Sunday. The two works exemplified much of his career, especially the influential years he gave to the service of music when he was based successively in Manchester, Bournemouth and Liverpool.

There will be many in those centres and round about them who first came to Beethoven's Ninth Symphony under his firm and purposeful baton, as there will be others (or quite likely some of the same) who were introduced to the great works of the British repertory through his warm and tireless advocacy, such as he brought once more on this occasion to the London Symphony Orchestra in the Ritual Dances from Sir Michael Tippett's opera *The Midsummer Marriage*.

And since there were soloists and chorus on hand for Beethoven, what better than to involve them in the fourth of Tippett's dances, "Fire in Summer"? It thereby became the complete relevant scene from the opera, with Mark and Jenifer in their transfigured duet of symbolic union, while the two low-voiced Ancients invoked wonder and rejoicing, as well they might for music of such verdant splendour and poetry, both delicately and decisively performed.

When it came to Beethoven, Sir Charles settled for a fairly leisured performance, less affected than some, but sharing a prevalent trend among British conductors for deliberate rhythms and speeds intended to point the serious character of the first three non-vocal movements. The danger is that phrasing will become prosaic, which was not altogether avoided on this occasion, among the strings in particular.



**Sir Charles Groves: an energetic birthday**

The chorus, however, even though cramped by the dimensions of this hall, rose magnificently to the challenge after the bass soloist had begun several pages too soon to summon them to sing their joy. Donald McIntyre subsequently brought a firm foundation to the solo quartet, in which Elaine Woods, Penelope Walker and John Mitchinson combined to generally lyrical effect as they had in the Tippett solos earlier.

**Noël Goodwin**

### Music Projects London/Bernas
Almeida Theatre

The young French composer Pascal Dusapin does not write what you might call subtle music. Not, anyway, on the evidence of the four brief pieces of his heard in this concert, one of two grouped together as "New Images of Sound: France". Yet, though his manner commands attention through simple aggression, underneath the surface drama there seemed here to be little of real substance, even given the feverish commitment of the playing of Music Projects/London under Richard Bernas.

Perhaps Dusapin might think that that does not matter, since, as the clarinettist Roger Heaton said before his tenaciously virtuosic performance of a work called *If*, he apparently finds no need even to make his titles relevant to the music. Accordingly, the manic screaming in *L'Homme aux liens* for two sopranos (Sue Bissett and Sue Bickley) and three violins, the Varèse-like rawness of *Musique captive* for mixed wind nonet and the overt pictorialism of *Incisa* for solo cello (Alan Brett), inspired by images flashing past during a night-time car ride, all added up to a series of inconsequential sketches.

One was more inclined to be sympathetically disposed towards the other young French composer whose music was being heard in London for the first time. Michael Levinas's *Arsis et Thésis* for bass flute (Kate Lucas), subtitled "La Chanson de souffle", uses the sounds of breath, inhaled as well as exhaled. But this is no gimmick, for the work is quietly compelling, beguiling the listener by its instinctive feel for the beautiful qualities of the solo instrument.

To end, the British première of a work by a composer whose language contains abundant vehemence and eloquence. Iannis Xenakis's intense *Khalperr* (1983), for brass quintet, a somewhat overpowered vibraphone and tuned drums, not only declaims but reasons, its textures a dizzying swirl of contrasts, its path both cogent and coherent.

**Stephen Pettitt**

## Music in Germany

### Messiah
Deutsche Oper, Berlin

Some years ago, in a whimsical essay, Leonard Bernstein invented a proposal to make a musical out of Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy*. The degree of aesthetic logic involved in that undertaking cropped up in my thoughts while watching Handel's *Messiah* mounted – dare I say violated? – on the stage of the Deutsche Oper, Berlin, by Achim Freyer and Urs Troller, in full view of a capacity audience, with no less a Handel expert than Christopher Hogwood in charge of the accompanying music.

Freyer and Troller have not attempted to instil much stage action into this production, choosing instead to synchronize the dear old music with a succession of *tableaux* more or less *vivants*. As an acting area, they constructed a sharply canted square with one corner pointing down into the orchestra pit. Until the end of the evening, a vast scrim separates the performers from their audience.

Those responsible for this version have divided the oratorio into seven parts: Prologue, The Waste Land ("exile darkness redemption despair hope solitude anxiety"), The Son of Man ("blood love rebirth reconciliation murder"), The Lonely God ("grief humiliation scorn disgrace indifference"), Resurrection ("victory power vengeance"), This is My Flesh ("body soul devotion sin flesh word") and Day of Judgement.

But what has happened, one wonders, to the work which Handel himself, and his contemporaries, regarded as an entertainment? Parts of the Berlin evening do entertain, but in a manner I doubt that Handel intended. During the "And the Glory of the Lord" chorus, extras on stage bob up and down from holes in the floor in a manner unfortunatly reminiscent of Arizona prairie dogs in a Walt Disney nature film. The lady who sings "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth" remains sunk into the stage up to her shoulders, à la Beckett, wearing a hat sprouting tall, flowering plants.

Identifying soloists in individual numbers presents a problem, for each solo part in any number, generally speaking, gets allotted to a different singer, billed as The Black Angel, The Sword Angel, The Woman in the Red Coat, etc. A Deutsche Oper house bulletin says: "As far as we know, no theatre up to now has dared to stage *Messiah*." With a little luck, no other will soon again.

**Paul Moor**

## Rock

### Grandmaster Melle Mel
Oxford Polytechnic

"When you leave the ghetto, you gotta figure a way of walking out in *style*", drawled the lean Grandmaster of New York rap, Melle Mel. So saying, he led the audience through a series of loosely co-ordinated walking dance steps – backwards, forwards, sideways, SLIDE! – so that the crowd resembled an undisciplined though exuberant aerobics class.

Style was certainly the keynote to this visit of Melle Mel's troupe of brash Bronx hustlers to the city of dreaming spires. Dressed in a variety of outlandish outfits, they appeared like strange urban folk-heroes from an alien culture, garish and arrogant as they strutted and preened in ceaseless movements of lithe grace. For the first three numbers the crude vocalese of the five front-liners and Melle Mel was embellished only by the implacable back-beat of the drummer Richard Harrison and occasional doodlings from the turntables of DJ Grandmaster Disco B.

The Furious Five sang, chanted, danced and posed while Melle Mel's fluent stream of modern patois poetry dominated band and audience. Carrying a black, silver-headed cane, dressed in a long black coat and with white hat and long black hair framing his darkly chiselled features, the Grandmaster wove the sing-song words into rhythmic spells. As variously the Furious Five picked up instruments, and the occasional synthesizer or bass line entered the field, the voodoo became diffused but the streetwise images of borderline life in the tenement slums of New York were rarely abandoned.

"It's like a jungle sometimes, it makes me wonder/ How I keep from going under" declaimed Melle Mel in "The Message", their hit from 1982. Notwithstanding their tough cool and aggressive mien, the ultimate message was a strongly moral one: to live in peace with one another and above all to keep off drugs. Their recent hit, the plangently anti-drug plea "White Lines (Don't Do It)", was played twice and, although a curious-looking advertisment for this kind of probity, Melle Mel even took the opportunity to extend his warning to encompass the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption.

**David Sinclair**

## Theatre

### The Albannach
Lyceum Studio, Edinburgh

The latest production by 7:84 Scotland marks an enterprising departure from the more usual political arena of their work: an adaptation by John McGrath of Fionn MacColla's *The Albannach*.

First published in 1932, and written when MacColla was only 23, the novel is a celebration of the power and spirit of the Gaelic temperament and culture, even to the lilting beauty of the Gaelic-inspired phrasing of the language in which it is written. The protagonist is Murdo, a young, imaginative Highlander who, alive to the beauty of his homeland but feeling caged by his repressive, Presbyterian upbringing, "escapes" to Glasgow, returns later and eventually opens up his closed community with music. It is a parable on the suppressed potential of Scotland, by no means flawless, but moving with tremendous vigour and sense of purpose, springing from MacColla's determination to overcome the "nay-saying" Calvinist attitude that is, for him, alien to life.

To be staged at all the novel has to be vastly reduced in scale and scope; to be compressed into a Highland tour, even more so. McGrath's solution has been not so much to adapt it as to pare it right down to the basic plot and the central idea, then to start again from these to create something that will convey the force of MacColla's life-affirming statement on stage rather than on the page. He has thus lost a good deal of MacColla's novel, but largely kept faith with its spirit, recreating the story in swift, high-spirited sketches, intercut with music from the folk-group Ossian. Music is very much part of the production; sometimes hauntingly lyrical, sometimes infectiously exuberant, it creates the atmosphere on stage that MacColla's vivid and poetic prose does in the novel, while the sense of uncompromising observation emerges through its kaleidoscopic structure.

The episodic nature of the piece inevitably brings its limitations. Detail of Murdo's psychological development becomes inappropriate, losing a dimension of the original and leaving the more callous things he does unanchored in his personality as Peter Raffan presents it: strong, compellingly energetic, but with less of a black edge than MacColla's Murdo. There are places too where the production seems to stumble over its own speed. Murdo's university life in Glasgow is presented as a quickly sketched pantomime, very funny, but leaving an impression of a whole series of characters and events who add up to no very clear effect and convey little urban misery.

There is an overall lack of weight about the production, thanks to its emphasis on the upbeat – but this is a sacrifice consciously made, and compensated for by a few strong performances (John Buick, Catherine Anne McPhee) and some delightful moments; particularly at the end, when the mime-play about stealing the dance-hall key from the "Wee-Free" minister develops to music to become a reel. Directed by Finlay Welsh, it is a production whose vitality pays warm tribute to the spirit of MacColla's optimism.

**Sarah Hemming**

### The New Hardware Store
Arts

As a contribution to the second Black Theatre Season designed to promote all-black productions in the West End, Earl Lovelace's comedy treads a nice path between broad humour and sober political statement. Humour, of course, is not always funny and, where it depends on character at the expense of incident, it will appeal chiefly to those members of the audience who recognize the types being portrayed. Equally, the applause that greets this play's overt political references will baffle the unenlightened.

The eponymous hardware store is a pretty basic wood-built shop in Port of Spain. Considering that no customer appears in the course of the play, the business seems grossly overstaffed. Its new owner is a testy, hectoring man in middle life called A. A. Ablack, a name which sounds stereotypical but which looks to be invented for prominent display in the local Yellow Pages. His assistants comprise the long-suffering bookkeeper Miss Calliste, still waiting for a holiday after seven years' graft, the nubile new typist Miss Prime, who has glamour *and* A-levels, and the startling Rooso, who combines the roles of sandwichboard-man and night-watchman, in which latter capacity he makes frequent demands to be equipped with a gun.

But the shop is also, microcosmically, Trinidad itself. Its proprietor stands for the canny, compromising aspect of that country's relations with the outside world since the 1970 revolution.

He begins the piece by demanding strict observance of rules and regulations but soon falls back on Darwin. "I believe in competition! Survival of the fittest", he declaims, taking a temporary seat on the shop's unsold lavatory pan (perhaps more use could have been made of the hardware throughout the production). The troublesome, unreliable Rooso opposes this worldly pragmatism with the spirit of carnival – the instinctual, immediate, anti-historical essence of Caribbean life. "I dance for freedom", he croons, but his boss remains unimpressed: "We will import a life for you and assemble it locally."

The action revolves around Mr Ablack's efforts to impose discipline on his staff and in the first half, at least, this produces some static and rather repetitive speeches. But, once fantasy takes over after the interval, the excellence of the casting becomes apparent.

Allister Bain makes a splendidly blustering Ablack and a wildly extravagant Midnight Robber, the caped, whistle-blowing figure who leads the carnival. Jim Findley is mercurial and rubber-jointed as Rooso, Joan Ann Maynard effectively plaintive as Miss Calliste, Janet Palmer less convincing in the thinner role of Miss Prime. The piece is snappily directed by Yvonne Brewster, sometime assistant director on the marvellous Jimmy Cliff film *The Harder They Come*.

**Martin Cropper**


**Japanese Ceramics, Prints & Works of Art: Tuesday, 12 March at 10.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m., King Street:** Prints, screens, sword fittings, ceramics, lacquer, furniture and bronzes make up a varied and interesting group of objects being offered today. The sale's highlight is expected to be a superb pair of ormolu-mounted Kakiemon hexagonal jars and covers, Empo/Jokyo period, estimate about £50,000 while a large early 19th century black lacquered giltwood Buddhist shrine discovered in a South Kensington hotel lobby should make in the region of £5,000 to £6,000. *Entries for next sale close 25 March.*

**Stamps: British Africa & British Asia: Tuesday & Wednesday, 12 & 13 March at 10.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. both days, 47 Duke Street, SW1:** A postcard flown by Alan Cobham on his 1925 London-Cairo-Capetown flight is the main attraction of today's sale of British Africa, together with a series of stamps printed by missionaries in Uganda in the 1890s. Tomorrow's sale of British Asia includes a section from the life-long study of Burma made by Gerald Davis, with Indian stamps used in Burma, and even earlier letters before stamps were used, with letters from a naval officer who had been engaged in supressing pirates in the area in 1845-46.

**Jewellery: Wednesday, 13 March at 11 a.m., King Street:** From modestly estimated Victorian and Art Nouveau pieces to fine-coloured stones and an impressively large array of diamonds, this sale will surely offer attractions to all tastes and pockets. Do not miss looking at the two diamond rings each over 10 carats and an antique diamond collet necklace being sold by a member of a European Royal family and estimated at £20,000 to £25,000. *Entries for next sale close 22 April.*

**Netsuke, Ojime, Inro & Okimono: Wednesday, 13 March at 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m. & 3 p.m., King Street:** Wood netsuke in this varied and interesting sale include a wild boar, signed Mitsumasa, a wasp inside a rotten pear, and many other examples of this charming art-form. In the afternoon there is a superbly carved set of 15 painted boxwood netsuke carved as actors' masks for the musical drama Gagaku. *Entries for next sale close 6 May.*

**Orders, Decorations & Campaign Medals: Thursday, 14 March at 11 a.m., King Street:** An important collection of awards to the R.A.F. form the nucleus to this sale. A rare George Cross awarded in 1940 to Squadron Leader E. D. Parker together with his D.F.C. and campaign medals is noteworthy (£4,000 to £5,000). Also of great interest is the D.S.O. and D.F.C. group to Battle of Britain Ace, Wing Commander M. L. Robinson (£2,000 to £2,400). The main attraction is the G.C. awarded posthumously in 1971 to Sergeant M. Willetts, 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, one of only three for Northern Ireland (£10,000 to £12,000). *Entries for next sale close 13 May.*

**Claret & White Bordeaux: Thursday, 14 March at 11 a.m., King Street:** A widely varied sale starting with 15 Châteaux of the great 1961 vintage and a range of 1970s which are now approaching perfection for drinking. There are particularly good stocks of first growths and around 300 cases of excellent Châteaux of the desirable 1978 vintage, which currently look to be excellent value. The sale closes with a small selection of fine Sauternes. *Entries for next sale close 18 March.*

**Modern British & Irish Paintings, Drawings & Sculpture: Friday, 15 March at 11 a.m. & 2.30 p.m., King Street: Modern British & Continental Pictures, Watercolours, Drawings & Sculpture: Monday, 18 March at 5 p.m., South Kensington:** The first sale reflects strong new trends in the Modern British Picture market. At one end of the spectrum comes Frank Bourdillon's *Jubilee Hat* (£30,000 to £50,000), a marvellous example of the Newlyn School of painters, at the other John Bratby's large *Group of Painters* (£700 to £1,000) of the notorious 1950s Kitchen Sink School. In between we have fine examples of the Vorticists and English Surrealist Schools with works by Eileen Agar, Spender, Tunnard and Armstrong. Munnings, always a strong seller, is represented by 25 works ranging in estimate from £300 to £90,000. *Entries for next sale close 8 April.* The South Kensington sale, as well as covering a wide range of 'regulars' also includes two large groups of works by Adrian Hill (known for his writing and television work in the 1950s and 1960s) and Alfred Wolmark.

**British Pottery & Porcelain, 19th Century European Ceramics: Monday, 18 March at 10.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m., King Street:** Among the most flamboyant objects produced during the early years of English porcelain manufacture were the tureens for dessert. Though in conception generally derived from Meissen, the Chelsea artichoke tureens with finch finials (£5,000 to £7,000) would seem to be a solely Chelsea creation. Dating from 1755, these were recorded in the contemporary sale catalogue of that date. Perhaps more remarkable is a melon tureen of similar date, from the Staffordshire factory of Longton Hall, vibrantly coloured in green and yellow (£4,000 to £5,000). *Entries for next sale close 1 April.*

**For further information on these and other March sales please contact 01-839 9060 for King Street or 01-581 7611 for South Kensington. South Kensington are open every Monday evening until 7 p.m. for viewing and free verbal valuations.**

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Or serving abroad with the Foreign Office.

Ten years hence, you'll probably have a mortgage and a young family.

It will be, in the words of the song, much too late for goodbye.

## First, find out what you're good at.

Ideally, you wouldn't specialise straightaway.

You'd spend your first few years exploring different jobs.

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# SPECTRUM

The superpowers are meeting in Geneva today to discuss arms limitations. **Nicholas Ashford** and **Mohsin Ali** set the scene

# After the shouting, the talking begins

**An 'umbrella' approach to the talks puts both defensive and offensive weapons on the negotiating table. What are these weapons; and who are the men who will be bargaining with them?**

Two years of angry shouting are over, and the United States and the Soviet Union are about to start talking to each other again on how to cut the size of their nuclear arsenals and reduce the risk of nuclear holocaust.

Today in Geneva their negotiators will sit down together at the start of what could be the most important round of nuclear arms talks since the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima 40 years ago.

The highly technical talks will be protracted and could even drag into the 1990s. Given the chasm that separates the two sides and the hard-line positions adopted by Washington and Moscow, they may achieve little more than a slight deceleration of the arms race.

Certainly their overall objective, to rid the world of nuclear weapons, or as President Reagon put it "to put the nuclear genie back into the bottle", seems a mere pipedream at present.

The last set of nuclear arms talks broke up at the end of 1982 when the Soviet Union walked out of the Geneva negotiations on intermediate range nuclear force (INF) missiles in Europe. The reason for Moscow's angry gesture was the deployment of Nato's first Cruise and Pershing Two missiles in Britain, West Germany and Italy in response to the massive build-up of SS-20 missiles in Soviet Europe.

The Soviet Union had hoped that its massive propaganda effort against the Cruise and Pershing missiles would drive a wedge between the US and its European allies and prevent the weapons from being deployed. Moscow was thwarted, however, by a firm display of allied unity.

Soon afterwards the Russians also brought the parallel talks on strategic weapons (known by the acronym Start) to a halt. Since then the arms build-up by both sides has proceeded at an unprecendented rate.

Two main factors have prompted the resumption of arms talks on the Soviet side: Moscow has become alarmed by the scale of President Reagan's arms build-up and the American technological potential for space weapons research. The president's decision to press ahead with his strategic defence research programme, popularly known as "Star Wars", was a key element in bringing the Soviet Union back to the negotiating table.

On the American side, the Reagan administration has come under mounting pressure from public opinion to slow the arms race. His decision early last year to pledge himself to negotiating arms reductions with Moscow (which helped neutralize the Democratic Party's advocacy of a "nuclear freeze" policy) contributed to his massive election victory.

The present talks involve a new approach to arms negotiations – a concept which President Reagan has dubbed an "umbrella" approach. Instead of holding separate talks about offensive and defensive weapons, the two sides will discuss both under one "umbrella" covering three categories, INF missiles; strategic weapons; space weapons.

For all practical purposes the INF and Start talks will begin where they ended in 1983, although in the INF talks the Soviet Union must face the fact that the deployment of the Cruise and Pershing missiles is now a reality.

Space weapons, on the other hand, are a new item on the agenda. The Russians first publicly showed their anxieties about Reagan's Star War plans when they proposed talks about space weapons last summer. These talks never got under way because conditions laid down by Moscow were unacceptable to the Americans.

Space weapons are likely to prove the most difficult of the three rounds of talks and will prompt intensive propaganda campaigns by both sides.

Indeed, the propaganda war has already started. The Americans claim that Moscow has been secretly carrying out its own research into space weapons. President Reagan is determined to carry on his research programme no matter what agreements emerge in Geneva.

The Russians have accused the Americans of wanting to "militarize space" and have warned that progress in the INF and Start talks will be conditional on the Americans making concessions on space weapons.

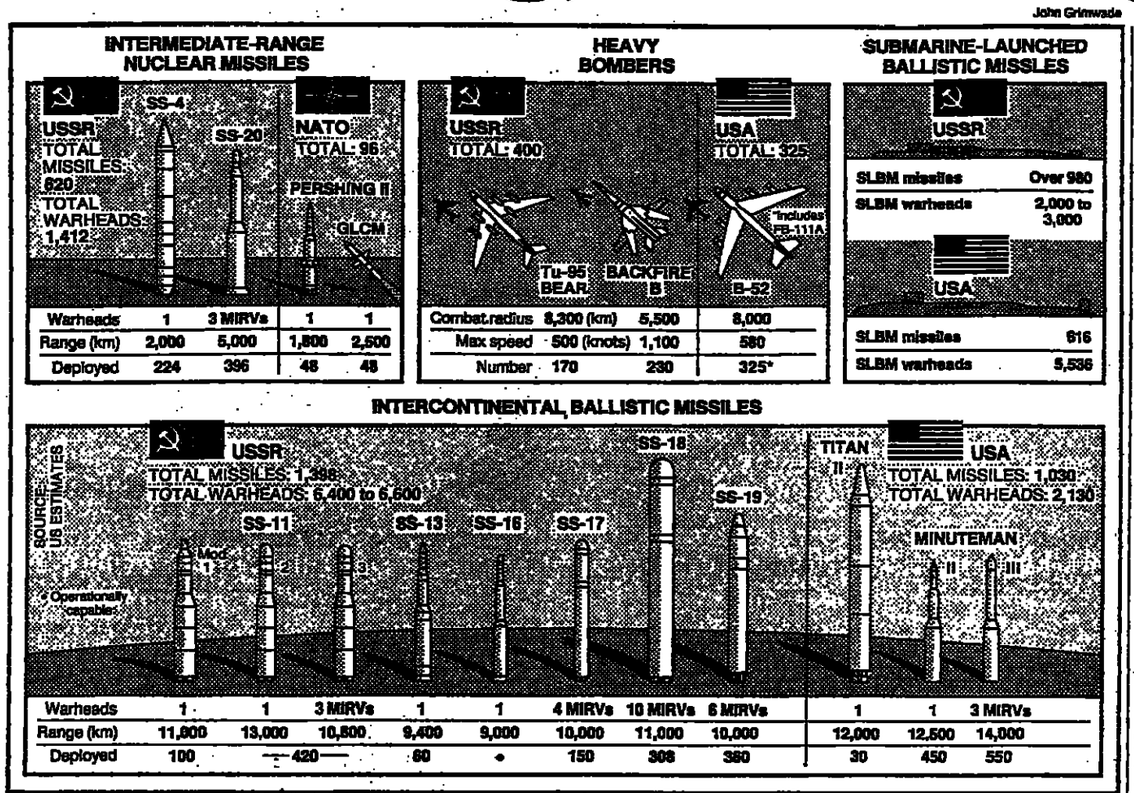
The main target of these propaganda tirades is European public opinion, which the Russians again want to stir against the Americans, as they did before the deployment of the Cruise and Pershing missiles.

The Europeans are worried about Star Wars. They fear it could destabilize the present deterrence policy based on mutual assured destruction (MAD) which, however dangerous in concept, has so far proved effective in preventing war.

They are also concerned that it could eventually lead to a "decoupling" of Europe from the US's defensive shield.

Lord Carrington, Nato's Secretary-General, has implored East and West to give up their propaganda "megaphone diplomacy". At Geneva, the two superpowers have the chance at least to end the dialogue of the deaf

John Grimwade




At present there are three separate sets of multi-lateral non-nuclear negotiations in progress in Vienna, Stockholm and Geneva.

In Vienna there are East-West negotiations on troop reductions in Central Europe. These talks between Nato and Warsaw Pact countries began in 1973 and have made virtually no progress.

In Stockholm there is a 35-state European disarmament conference on confidence-building measures. This began in January 1984 and is aimed at reducing the risk of intimidation, surprise attack, or miscalculation in Europe.

The US and its Nato allies have proposed confidence-building measures. These call for information exchange on ground and air forces in Europe, forecasts and notifications of, and mandatory observer invitations to, various military activities, on-site inspection of these activities and improvement of "hot line" communication links among participants.

In contrast, the Warsaw Pact has proposed measures that are broad declarations of intent and unverifiable. They have called for a treaty on the non-use of force, an agreement on non-first-use of nuclear weapons, establishment of nuclear weapons-free zones, reductions of military budgets and a ban on chemical weapons in Europe.

The Geneva East-West disarmament conference, in one form or another, has been going on for more than 30 years. Last April Vice-President George Bush put a draft convention to ban and eliminate all types of chemical weapons under strict international supervision. The Soviet Union has strongly criticized several aspects of the draft.

## 1 INTERMEDIATE RANGE NUCLEAR FORCES (INF)

These negotiations began in Geneva in November 1981. The Soviet Union walked out of them on November 23, 1983, following Nato's deployment of the first 572 American Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in Western Europe.

The Soviet Union now has more than 370 SS-20s, targeted mainly at Western Europe: but also at China and Japan.

By 1988, 108 Pershing 2 ballistic missiles and 464 ground-launched cruise missiles (GLCMs) will have been deployed in Britain, West Germany, Italy Belgium, and the Netherlands. The Pershings are being placed only in West Germany.

The initial US negotiating position was President Reagan's famous "zero zero" option – the complete elimination of US and Soviet longer range INF missiles. The Russians rejected this. In March 1983, the US offered to scale down Nato's planned deployment if the Soviet Union would agree to equal reductions. That offer was modified in September 1983, and two months later the US specifically suggested an equal global warhead ceiling of 420.

Basically the Soviet Union did not change its position in two years of negotiations. Moscow insisted that it would retain a substantial SS-20 force in Europe, with no deployments on the US side.

Britain and France meanwhile maintain that their missiles are strategic and not INF weapons.

## 2 STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION TALKS (START)

The original US Start prosposal called for:

- Reductions in deployed ballistic missiles warheads by one-third to 5,000 for each side, of which no more than 2,500 would be on intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs).
- A limit of 850 deployed ballistic missiles (roughly one-third the current US inventory), of which no more than 110 would be heavy missiles.
- Equal levels of heavy bombers, including the Soviet "backfire" bomber.

Later, in response to the Soviet criticism, President Reagan proposed a draft treaty that included equal limits on heavy bombers and restricted the number of air-launched cruise missiles.

In 1983 the US put forward its "build-down initiative". More than one existing ballistic missile warhead would be removed for each new one deployed until the level of 5,000 warheads for each side was reached. The US, also proposed a concurrent build-down of heavy bombers.

Soviet Start proposals provide for:

- Modest reductions for the Salt Two levels, from 2,250 to 1,800 strategic nuclear launchers on each side.
- Unspecified limits on the total number of nuclear weapons, including ballistic missile warheads, cruise missiles, and other bomber armaments.
- Modest reductions in the Salt 2 sub-limits on multiple independent re-entry ballistic missiles (MIRVs).

## 3 SPACE WEAPONS

President Reagan's strategic defence initiative, popularly known as Star Wars, is the the new and controversial element in the Geneva negotiations.

The aim of this research programme is to devise a system of destroying incoming nuclear missiles with non-nuclear chemical laser X-ray laser, space-based and ground-based particle beam weapons. The Soviet Union is already carrying out a similar programme.

The strategic defence initiative is a six-year research programme and is expected to cost $26 billion. It will take several years before it becomes clear whether this astrodome defence concept is technologically feasible and at least 10 years before deployment.

Scientists themselves are divided over whether it is practical. It would involve a network of perhaps thousands of machines in space, in the air and on the ground. All would have to work together with unprecedented precision. During a missile attack warheads escaping one layer of machines would be attacked by the next.

Scientists are publicly quarrelling over how many battle stations an orbiting chemical laser system would require. The pro-SDI men say about 90, while their anti-SDI colleagues estimate the total at about 2,400. Each station, costing about $1 billion and weighing 50 to 100 tons, would contain a weapon concentrating millions of watts of energy in a beam that would bounce off a mirror 30ft wide that swiveled to aim at incoming rockets and warheads.

## TOUGH TALKERS



**VIKTOR KARPOV**, aged 56, is head of the Soviet delegation and of the team dealing with strategic missiles. He took part in both Salt One and Salt Two, and was chief negotiator at Salt Two from 1978. He headed the Soviet delegation at the succeeding talks on strategic arms reduction (Start) in Geneva 1982-3. In the Soviet Embassy in Washington in the 1960s, he is a veteran negotiater with a grasp of detail and is occasionally flamboyant. Married with one daughter.



**YULI KVITSINSKY**, aged 48, is a career diplomat like Karpov. He served in both East and West Germany and took part in the Vienna MBFR negotiations. Kvitsinsky headed the Soviet delegation at intermediate range talks (INF) in Geneva 1981-3 and discussed the informal compromise known as the "walk in the woods" formula with Paul Nitze but vetoed in Moscow. He will deal with space rather than Euro-missiles at new Geneva talks. Married, two children.



**ALEKSEI OBUKHOV**, aged 47, is deputy head of the American section, Soviet foreign ministry. He will handle intermediate range missiles in the new talks. He served briefly in Thailand after joining the diplomatic service in 1965. A high flyer, he took part in Salt One and Salt Two and was Karpov's deputy at Start talks. Married with two children.

## TOUGH TALKERS



**PAUL NITZE** will act as special adviser to President Reagan during the Geneva arms negotiations. Aged 78, he has had more direct experience of negotiating with the Russians than any other American. Indeed, he has been at it almost continuously for over 40 years. He was a member of the US team that negotiated the Salt One treaty and headed the American side at the intermediate-range nuclear (INF) missile talks which the Russians torpedoed at the end of 1983. A firm believer in building up American military strength, he was a bitter opponent of the Salt Two treaty because he felt Moscow got more out of it than the US. A patrician diplomat of the old school, his easy going manner and quiet charm belie a sharp mind, a computer-like ability to absorb the technical intricacies of nuclear and space weapons and a hard-nosed negotiating style. He will orchestrate US negotiating strategy from his office in Washington.



**MAX KAMPELMAN**, aged 64, will be overall head of the US delegation and will also lead the American team in the space weapons negotiations. A "neoconservative," Democrat of the Jeane Kirkpatrick mould, he has had no experience of arms control negotiations. Son of a Jewish hat salesman in the Bronx, he was a conscientious objector during World World Two and in his youth worked as a trade union organizer. A lawyer by training, his only previous experience of dealing with the Russians was as leader of the US team at the 35-state European security conference in Madrid between 1980 and 1983. He earned high marks for his performance during more than 400 hours of finding a compromise on human rights issues acceptable to Communist and non-Communist participants. He has expressed scepticism about the chances of success in Geneva, but he says: "We share this planet so we must talk to each other."



**JOHN TOWER**, aged 59, will head the US team at the talks on strategic weapons. A Republican senator for Texas for 24 years until the end of last year, Tower's legislative career has been spent striking political deals in Washington rather than with Moscow. However as chairman of the senate armed services committee he became one of the foremost experts on defence in the Congress. A hard-liner on East-West issues, he was sharply critical of the Salt Two agreement, which the Senate refused to ratify, and has been a staunch supporter of President Reagan's rearmament programme. His reputation as a "hawk" will encourage Congressional approval of any agreement he brings about.



**MAYNARD GLITMAN** aged 51, will head the US team at the talks on INF weapons. Known as "Mike" to his friends, Glitman is the only professional diplomat among the troika of negotiators. He was nominated by Nitze, whose deputy he was during the INF talks in Geneva, and is considered a stand-in for his former chief. He has spent much of his professional career dealing with East-West or Nato issues. A former member of the National Security Council under President Johnson, he was seconded to the Pentagon for a while to deal with Nato affairs. His most recent post has been as head of the US delegation to the East-West talks in Vienna on reducing conventional forces.


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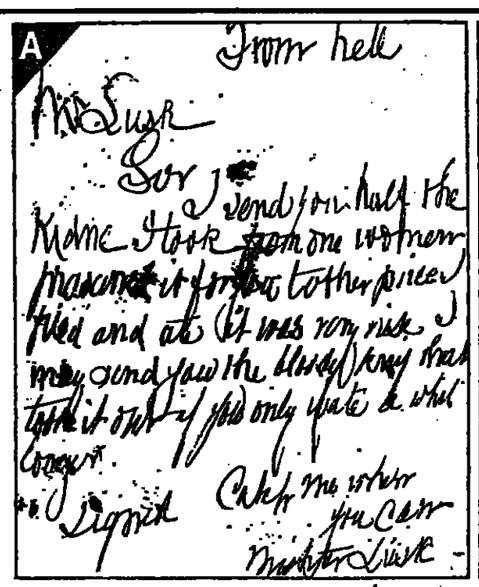
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Who was Jack the Ripper? A handwriting expert thinks he was . . .

# Doctor Ripper






**Clues pointing to Cream. First: the distinctive tie-pin. Second: disguised writing in A and B compared with Cream's normal writing in C. In A, the "Mr" and "Ki" indicate a natural slant while "old boss" in B shows a 45° right slope which cannot be maintained. But Cream cannot disguise the upward stroke beginning each word nor his natural "r".**

Britain's most intriguing murder mystery, the identity of Jack the Ripper, has had as many suspects and red herrings as any Agatha Christie story. But one of Britain's leading forensic handwriting experts, Derek Davis, is prepared to stake his reputation that the Ripper was, in fact, a Scottish-born Doctor, Thomas Neill Cream.

Independent evidence comes from a Canadian author and journalist, Donald Bell, who is planning a book, *Dr Ripper and Mr Cream* for 1988, the centenary of London's East End terror.

Mr Davis has impeccable credentials for the task of unmasking the Ripper's disguised handwriting. He has acted on behalf of all the joint stock banks in England, the Office Solicitor, Lloyds, and professional bodies like the Law Society and General Medical Council.

Now he has re-examined for *The Times* evidence from letters which appeared in *The Criminologist*, a forensic journal, 10 years ago. They convince Mr Davis that Cream was the Ripper.

One, to Mr George Lusk, chairman of the Whitechapel Vigilante Committee, was assumed to has been sent by the Ripper. Another was thought to be a hoax, though signed "Jack the Ripper". The others were known to be by Cream.

Mr Davis first shows that the letter to Mr Lusk and the one signed "Jack the Ripper" were, although heavily disguised, written by the same person.

The letter to Mr Lusk showed evidence of a natural slant to the left. The one signed "Jack the Ripper" and presumably written in a style to confuse, has a slant to the right, but the writer could not be consistent. More evidence of deliberate disguise comes from the spelling. In the two letters the spelling of "kidney" is correct once yet wrong twice: "kidny" and "kidne", while more difficult words like "half" and "guess" are correct.

The word "and" is a give-away. It is out of pattern with the rest of the Ripper's handwriting and more in pattern with that of Cream's. The disguise has slipped. Similarly, Cream's final stroke in characters like "m", "n" and "d" curl upwards.

The upward stroke beginning the first letter of a word is another tell-tale sign. Cream tries to remember to omit the initial movement – natural to him – in the letters to Mr Lusk and from "Jack the Ripper", but fails. His disguise of his natural "r" cannot be kept up either.

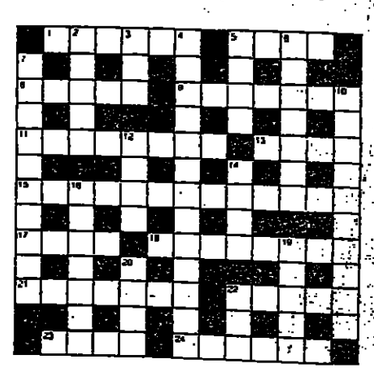
Mr Bell backs up the evidence from a different angle. In an interview he says George Hutchinson, a labourer, followed the Ripper's last victim the night she was killed. Hutchinson saw her accompanied by a man to the place where she lived. The description resembles Cream's: a moustache turned up at the ends and dark complexion; 34 or 35-years-old; about 5ft 6in tall. The man's black tie had a horse-shoe tie pin. Cream also wore one (see picture).

Mr Bell meets head on two of the main objections to Dr Cream being the Ripper. The first is that Cream was a poisoner. He was hanged for it. But eye-witnesses said that on the gallows Cream's final words were cut short: "I am Jack . . . ."

The second objection is that Cream was supposed to have been serving life imprisonment in Joliet (Illinois) in 1888 when the Ripper was killing and mutilating his victims. But prisoners sometimes paid to have substitutes in jail, Mr Bell says.

**Peter Evans**

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5 Mummery (4)
8 Frenzy (5)
9 Picturesque (7)
11 Authenticated (8)
13 Liberated (4)
15 Funfair (9,4)
17 Cocaine plant (4)
18 Spanish cold soup (8)
21 Loud (7)
22 Vertical print (5)
23 Lower jaw area (4)
24 Exhibit (6)

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2 Jet (5)
3 Writing fluid (3)
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5 NW Irish county (4)
6 Mosquito disease (7)
7 Malagasy (10)
10 Frontier control (10)
12 Pour forth (4)
14 Discontinue (4)
16 Crude (7)
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20 Benefit (4)
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# Taking a shine to suits





**The shiny suit was once the mark of the wide boy. Now electric colours, irridescent finishes and shimmering surfaces are high fashion for a generation that has switched on to suits.**

**At last week's menswear show at Browns, the international names were outshone by British designers with their crazy inventiveness and sharp tailoring. Jasper Conran's peacock plumage – bright silk and wool jackets and flowered chiffon shirts – competed with Culture Shock's marbled weaves in jewel colours from jade to amethyst and John Galliano's heroic brocades.**

**The success of the English Menswear Designer Collections in Paris and London has confirmed this new generation tailoring. Leaders of the sharp suit parade are Stephen King, with suits that gleam and shine and shirts to match, and Arkitect, whose iridescent fabrics pick up the spiv style by the collar and cuffs and turn them into high fashion. Both these designers open their own London shops this month.**

**Charlie Allen pioneers the new suit line – wide trousers with turn-ups and generous jacket, cut to shadow the body rather than shape it. His fabrics are subtly textured slub weaves shot with colour to catch the light as it moves.**

**The long jacket is the key to the new suit – either a low double breast with two buttons, show three, or increasingly a single breast buttoned very high or very low.**

**Revers are cut according to the jacket shape, with very wide collars and lapels or very narrow drapes equally popular. Even ties fit these extremes: wide ties with big knots to complement cutaway collars or slim jim ties of 1950s style.**

**Shirts are having their biggest flowering since the wild end of the 1960s, and there is a feeling of the hippies in the colourful prints. The patterned shirt, like the suit, has a new dimension of texture, so that discreet checks or neat paisley motifs are embossed with silken glitter. And after a year of hanging tails, the shirt is now going back inside the suit.**







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**Top left:** Shiny steel and silver grey woven check suit by Stephen King in linen and poly cotton, £250 from Way In, Harrods, Knightsbridge SW1 (and mail order); Stephen King, 315 King's Road SW3. Silver embossed shirt, £70.50 from Way In at Harrods.

**Top right:** Jade green marble weave jacket, £295, rose pink and jade trousers, £115. Watercoloured lilac cotton shirt, £90. All by Culture Shock from Brown's 23-27 South Molton Street W1. Circle patterned tie, £3.99, by Smith Brothers from Chelsea Man and Top Man shops. Chiffon scarf in pocket from Liberty. Black patent slippers, £29.99, by XX from Melanddi, Carnaby Street W1. Leather belt by Osprey Company.

**Above left:** Sapphire blue dupion silk single-breasted jacket, £170; trousers, £105; 10 colourways. Floral print silk shirt, £74. By Arkitect from Acrobat, 31 King's Road SW3; Cruise, Edinburgh; Elias Tom, Dublin; Arkitect shop at 1 Langley Court, WC2 in two weeks' time. Leather belt, £8, by Osprey Company from Image, Bath.

**Above centre:** Teal blue suit with surface shimmer. Double-breasted jacket, £220; wide trousers, £75. Iridescent rib neck top, £48. All by Charlie Allen from Woodhouse, Oxford Street W1; Sloane Street SW1; King's Road SW3; Zagger, Chelmsford; Cream, Manchester; Buc, Twickenham; Warehouse, Glasgow. Blue suede shoes, £19.99, from Shelly's Shoes, 159 Oxford Street W1.

**Above right:** Slate grey slub poly cotton jacket with windowpane check, £49.99. Grey trousers, £26.99. Both from Next for Men. Gilded skyscrapers embroidered on purple cotton shirt by Elaine Challoner, £75.95, from Way In at Harrods, Knightsbridge SW1. Belt by Osprey Company. Bow-tie by Smith Brothers, £2.99, from Chelsea Man.

Hair by Graham Hamps at Leonard, 6 Upper Grosvenor Street W1.
Fashion assistant Christine Painell

Photographs by RICHARD IMRIE

# Return of the sensuous woman

THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTION
MILAN

**March 11**
In Italy, the body will out. Just one year after designers smashed the *bella figura* image of Italian fashion, the sensuous woman is back.

David Bailey, over from England to photograph the new Versace collection, summed up the mood. "It's easy for me to photograph because the clothes are so strong and sexy", he said.

Gianni Versace is the master of sensuous shaping and of clingy cut. Velvet is his favourite fabric, quilted in ink blue, patterned with green circles, draped as a bath-towel skirt, pleated and side-slit and sometimes all of that at once.

Versace has discovered a new erogenous zone – the nape of the neck. He plays with the collar, pleating it across the shoulders into a flat bow at the nape, or he makes his collar trace the body line, dropping lapels to the navel, or cropping revers at the point of the bust.

*Dolcevita* dresses in black crepe bisected with black lace left one bosom on view. More truly sensuous was Versace's metal mesh – his personal creation – moulded into slender columns or his black cashmere polo sweaters, with glitter buttons, worn with black velvet skirts and under black shearling coats laquered with a brilliant shine.

Gianfranco Ferre treats clothes like sculptures and his mould is the female figure. Jackets curl round the collarless neck, lap the rounded shoulders and curve into the waist. His trousers – and there are many more of them than skirts – rise to a high and shapely waist line.

The Ferre line for winter is a big coat rounded into gathers at the back, worn over a swingy tunic and a slim skirt. There are sensuous combinations of texture: plush velour with his favourite grey flannel, matt jersey with black velvet or shiny vinyl.

Miracles of cutting make a purple crepe dress that unfolds into a cape back or a black jacket with one lapel growing from the bust. Jackets cut with a rising curve at the back look complicated and the overall palette of purple and black was slightly sombre. But square blocks of primary colour on well-contoured knits was in fashion's master class.

Krizia also showed clothes on the curve. Designer Mariuccia Mandelli took the body as the starting point amd twirled her compass round it.

Krizia is also getting ritzier – with fur and velvet, satin and fluffy mohair, all spelling out glamour.

The fur was mostly fox, dyed alarming colours and used, as a complete animal skin, for the ultimate shoulderbag. The fox looked more appealing as a predatory picture on the front of Krizia's famous knitted sweaters.





**Top:** Versace's sensuous velvet
**Above:** Ferre's collarless coat
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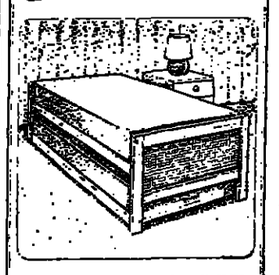
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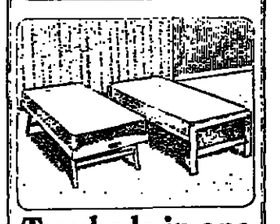


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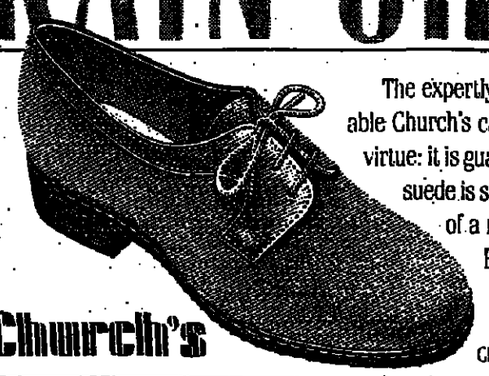
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## Mischievous Mikhail

Although Mikhail Gorbachov, the new Russian leader, has never been invited to Number Ten, he does have a direct knowledge of it. A hitherto suppressed report – confirmed by Downing Street yesterday – reveals a prank Gorbachov played on Number Ten during his visit here last Christmas when Mrs T was safely tucked away in Peking. It happened when he was travelling to the Russian embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens after lengthy meetings with Kinnock, Steel and Owen in the Commons. Driving past Whitehall, Gorbachov mischievously ordered the motorcade to a halt at the foot of Downing Street, got out, and cheekily walked straight past security. "He just knocked on the front door", said a Downing Street spokesman yesterday. "He popped in, had a look at the Christmas tree, and shook hands with the staff." Asked how he breached security for an impromptu visit, the spokesman said: "He was with Captain Shaw; that would have been all squared." This was news to Captain Shaw – Secretary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union which was organizing Gorbachov's visit. Shaw was in the last car in the motorcade, and was horrified when they suddenly stopped. "I thought there had been an assassination attempt," he told me.

## Private eye

Now viewers have finally seen the banned *20/20 Vision* programme alleging that MI5 bugs and breaks into private homes, by way of balance they should also know that the programme's researcher, Gerry Gable, editor of the anti-fascist magazine *Searchlight*, is not unacquainted with intrusive activities himself. In today's Commons debate on phone-tapping, Tory MP Michael Forsyth intends to raise a court case in 1964 in which Gable was fined £34 by Highbury magistrates for tricking his way into the home of right-wing historian David Irving, disguised as a GPO engineer, to acquire certain documents. What he would have done with them he is not letting on.

## Sweeping

The National Council for Civil Liberties is taking no chances following revelations that MI5 regarded it as a subversive organization. It is about to pay around £230 to have its London Bridge offices "swept" for bugging devices and, says chairman Bill Birtles, anything found will be displayed at a press conference. Birtles, husband of Neil Kinnock's press secretary Patricia Hewitt, may have his Kentish Town home checked at the same time. "MI5's definition of what is contrary to the interests of the state probably extends to the leader of the Opposition," he says. "We know that a lot of phones were tapped during the miners' strike and I'd be surprised if they didn't want to know what Kinnock was doing."

BARRY FANTONI




**"With the miners back, someone was probably looking for a place to put their coal"**

## Dethroned

Some get thrown off buses: others, like Lord King, get thrown off aeroplane seats. Only Lord King is head of BA, and he was on one of his own planes. It happened on the Dubai to London flight on Sunday when Dubai's BA manager – acting on a directive made by Lord King in 1981 – downgraded him from first class to make way for a fare-paying passenger. King had to slum it in Club Class.

## Leaky case

In the post-Ponting trial Commons debate the Defence Secretary, Michael Heseltine, sought to discredit Ponting by quoting documents purporting to show that he had changed the advice he gave to ministers on the Belgrano sinking from non-disclosure to full disclosure. The Labour MP George Foulkes subsequently asked Heseltine in a written question why he had quoted only selected documents, pointing out that the reason Ponting had changed his advice was that the naval authorities authorized the disclosure of certain documents that Ponting had previously thought classified. Heseltine has just replied to Foulkes. He was not aware, he said, of this correspondence between Ponting and the naval authorities (even though it was referred to in open court). This totally undermines Heseltine's case against Ponting, says Foulkes. It is also "quite inexusable" that Heseltine should have so slight a grip on what is going on in his department.

**PHS**

Richard Owen on the hopes raised by Gorbachov's instant accession

# Will he make Russia move?

Moscow

"There is a danger that the election of Mikhail Gorbachov as the new general secretary will raise expectations unrealistically," one Moscow intellectual said thoughtfully yesterday. "But the Central Committee has finally given us an imaginative and vigorous leader." He smiled, unable to restrain his hopes for Russia under Mikhail Gorbachov, a man who is still only 54, is the youngest and best-educated man in the Politburo and has reformist ideas which may be put into practice at last – provided he can overcome the reservations of the hidebound apparatus.

"The first thing he will do is try to get rid of some of the old-style bureaucrats and apparatchiks who elected him," said one observer of Kremlin politics. "The coming party congress will see some fireworks, and there will be a lot of behind-the-scenes changes before then."

The death of Konstantin Chernenko marks the end of what was really a footnote in history. He was a dyed-in-the-wool party apparatchik of Siberian peasant origin, who embodied caution rather than change. He was the oldest man to reach the top in Soviet Russia, and stayed there for the shortest time.

Although his predecessor Yuri Andropov was in power for only 15 months, he laid the foundations for the kind of economic and administrative reforms that Russia has needed for years. Chernenko held power for just over a year without making anything like the same impact. When his death was announced one observer of Kremlin politics said: "The real transition starts now." The question is whether the Central Committee will have the courage to appoint somebody willing to pick up where Andropov left off, or whether it will fudge the issue again and go for another member of the old guard."

The answer came with astonishing speed when the Central Committee, which had passed over Mikhail Gorbachov after the deaths of Brezhnev and Andropov, elected him general secretary at the age of 54. The news was a reversion to the days when Soviet leaders were young, energetic and in their fifties. It electrified many Russians, especially those under 40 and hopeful of change. "Now we'll see Russia move," said one young Russian exultantly. "What a difference from Chernenko!"

As the Soviet Union prepares to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany, an event which is being turned by the Kremlin into a mixture of patriotism and a vindication of the Soviet system, the self-congratulatory propaganda cannot mask the fact that the Russia that Chernenko has left behind has not advanced markedly since he took power, and in many ways the Kremlin has dodged key questions about policy.

Russia has been in danger of being left further and further behind the rest of the world. Even in ideology and the arts, Chernenko's speciality, Russia reverted to the backward-looking doctrine of Socialist Realism. Chernenko himself was not a bloodthirsty man, nor a dictator; he was if anything a rather kindly, lifelong bureaucrat with a bumbling style who had spent his entire career in administration, most of it as personal assistant to a man who ruled Russia for nearly two decades.

"Many of us could hardly believe Chernenko would actually become leader," one Russian intellectual observed. "He was not the man for the times. We need someone dynamic and technology-minded who is willing to take risks rather than make safe choices.

In some respects history may be slightly kinder to Chernenko than these harsh judgments would suggest. It is to his credit that he presided over Russia at a crucial period in East-West relations, when Moscow swallowed its pride over the abandoned Geneva arms talks and agreed to hold new discussions on space weapons and nuclear missiles. In these the Soviet position is likely to remain unchanged, since stopping President Reagan's "Star Wars" project for a space-based anti-missile system remains the top Soviet priority. Some of Chernenko's domestic measures are also likely to remain in force, including his school reform and his attempt (albeit belated) to introduce computer technology into education and ultimately into industry and administration.

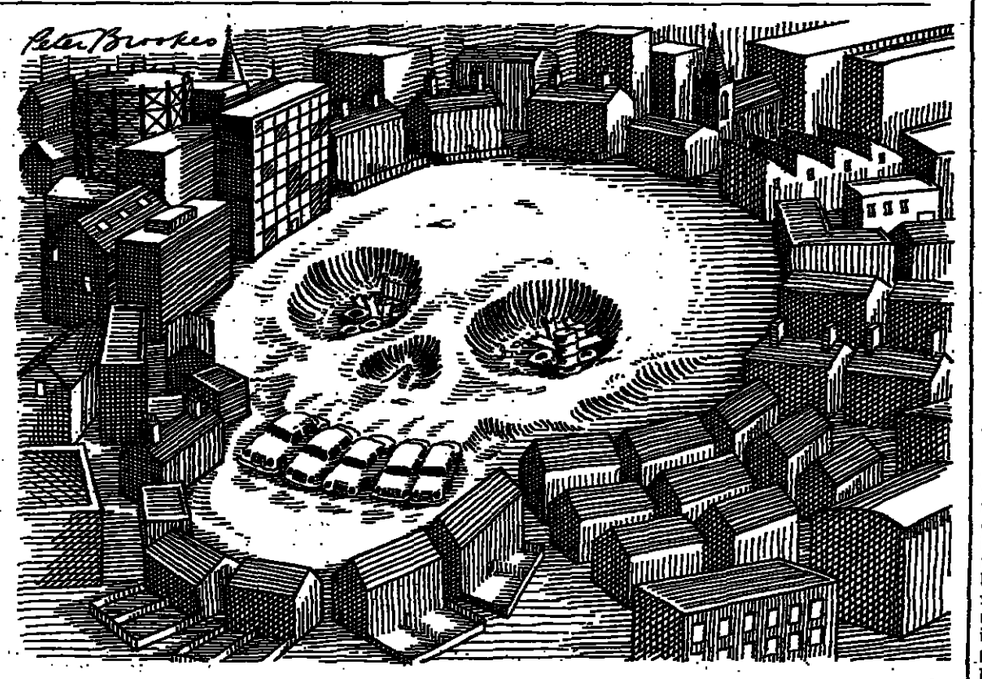
During the Chernenko period Gorbachov and other men of the postwar technocratic generation have quietly moved into top positions.

The Andropov drive against corruption in high places did continue under Chernenko: General Nikolai Sholokhov, a close Brezhnev associate before he was sacked as interior minister by Andropov, was stripped of his rank under Chernenko and took his own life. Brezhev's son-in-law Yuri Churbanov, Sholakhov's deputy, was also demoted for corrupt practices, and there were other demotions and executions. But the fact that these men were also close to Chernenko suggests that the anti-corruption drive was continued in spite of the president rather than because of him. Like Andropov's economic experiments, anti-corruption was pursued by those loyal to the Andropov vision, who also ensured that Andropov's name and policies were loudly praised at intervals in the Soviet media.

It is on the domestic front that change will be felt most keenly and most immediately. That at least is what most Russians hope and expect, or in some cases fear.

David Nicholson-Lord on a hidden threat to regeneration in the inner cities

# Fresh shoots that may die with the bill




A conspiracy of silence surrounds one of the key provisions of the bill to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan councils. What is at stake, strangely, is an established government policy which has of late shown definite signs of success.

The symbol of that success is the Liverpool Garden Festival, that ambitious and ultimately triumphant effort to transform 250 acres of poisoned earth and industrial debris into smiling parkland. More garden festivals are promised – Stoke next year, Glasgow and Gateshead in 1988 and 1990, Swansea thereafter – and local authorities have been keen to stake their claims.

Similar interest has been shown in the Groundwork scheme, now being tried out in the black belts left by the Industrial Revolution around Manchester and Liverpool, in which public, private and voluntary bodies join forces to clean up decay. The scheme goes national next month and up to 20 councils have put in bids to take part.

Since 1981, when Michael Heseltine clutched at the idea of garden festivals after the Toxteth riots, greener cities have figured prominently in official thinking on urban regeneration. In the process what might once have been regarded as frivolous prettification has been increasingly seen as a vital ingredient in luring back jobs, not least in tourism, to the cities.

Superficially it is an argument about image: at a deeper level it concerns the relationship between derelict landscapes and derelict people. But the fact remains that hard-headed businessmen now count among the keenest proponents of comprehensive urban redecoration.

All of which lands Patrick Jenkin, Kenneth Baker and their colleagues at the Department of the Environment with a problem. For the truth is that the metropolitan counties have been the most successful of elected bodies at reclaiming derelict land and buildings and fashioning new and imaginative cityscapes. This was the thrust of a recent report from the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, which concluded that the metropolitan counties had found an assured strategic role in reclamation and environmental renewal. It is echoed by a range of non-partisan bodies, from the National Farmers' Union to the Confederation of British Industry.

In Greater Manchester, for example, grossly polluted river valleys are being restored to provide a framework of sinuous green spokes radiating from the city centre to the surrounding countryside. The West Midlands, which recently adopted a nature conservation strategy, operates Greenline and Green-up projects to renovate rail and road corridors.

Paradoxically such renewal is not a specific metropolitan county function and hence does not even merit its own clause in the Local Government Bill. Yet along with waste disposal and minerals control, with which it is closely linked, it is currently arousing the most serious, albeit privately expressed, concern among those trying to make out the shape of things to come after abolition next year.

Curiously for a government still avowedly concerned with inner-city regeneration, Whitehall persists in its Micawberesque conviction that things will sort themselves out. The position, in other words, remains that outlined in the 1983 White Paper: that the lower tier of districts and boroughs will cooperate harmoniously to take over where the metropolitan counties left off.

Most experts believe this simply will not happen. One reason is that many districts – 80 per cent, according to one informal sounding – are not interested in joint working. Another is the inherent implausibility, and inefficiency, of up to 10 districts cooperating on long-term projects which may involve one council spending money to confer short-term benefits on another.

Even if individual districts are prepared to shoulder an extra reclamation burden – a big "if", given existing commitments and spending cuts – they will almost certainly be unable to afford the expertise necessary for the large, complex schemes that have become the metropolitan counties' hallmark.

Greater Manchester's land reclamation team, for instance, employs ecologists who have developed techniques for growing grass and trees on raw, highly acidic colliery waste. Tyne and Wear's team has accumulated highly specialized skills in reclaiming such cocktails of toxicity as tar, gas and coke works, in which blue asbestos and cyanides combine with phenols, toluene, naphtha and carbolic acid. Such interdisciplinary teams, with skills ranging from landscape architects to soil scientists, arboriculturists and toxicologists, are viable only if they service a large, long-term reclamation programme.

There is also what might be called the Pelaw Quarry factor. Tyne and Wear was faced with a series of environmental problems ranging from an ugly and uneconomic clay quarry at Pelaw in Gateshead to an over-used and unpopular NCB coke-stocking site and a general shortage throughout Newcastle of landfill areas for waste disposal. By an astute juggling of planning permissions and disposal arrangements, the quarry operator and the coal board will have new sites further removed from the public eye; and Gateshead, by the 1990s, will boast a new country park when the gaping holes of Pelaw quarry are neatly filled in with the conurbation's rubbish. A single district could have accomplished this only by superhuman tact, patience and political skill.

Organizational, if not democratic, logic thus points to a joint board or agency of the type proposed for fire, police and transport. Yet where there should now be wide-ranging discussion of this and other options, there is instead the enveloping silence of closed minds and ritual gestures. Under various policy injunctions – from Labour's national executive committee, town hall unions and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities – elected members, their officers and their national representatives are supposedly barred from contemplating what will happen after abolition. The Government's bland optimism thus goes virtually unchallenged.

The danger is, that by the time cooperation is seen not to work, the specialist teams will have dispersed and environmental renewal in the cities will have been dealt a blow from which it will take many years to recover. The increase in derelict land reveals how vulnerable such renewal is. So fast is the industrial rustbowl expanding that even though 39 per cent of the 1974 total of officially registered derelict land in England had been reclaimed by 1982, the overall total had still grown by 6 per cent.

If the achievements of the last decade are allowed to lapse, the result will be at best a slowing of renewal in the big cities, at worst a creeping blight sapping hopes of regeneration. The Government's supporters in the shires might think this does not concern them, but they are wrong. For if fresh land for jobs and housing is not produced in the cities, renewed pressures on the Green belt will not be far behind.

# Duarte promises, but the killings go on

**Las Hojas, El Salvador**

Adrian Esquino Lisco has been waiting two years for justice, but now, he says, his patience and his faith are beginning to run out.

Two years ago, as many as 200 Salvadoran government soldiers entered the Indian farming cooperative of Las Hojas about 45 miles west of the capital of San Salvador. Esquino said, and dragged away seven of his friends.

Later that day he found the men sprawled along the bank of a river with their thumbs tied behind their backs. Eleven peasants from neighbouring villages were lying with them. All had been shot repeatedly in the head; two were slashed by machetes.

Esquino (who is president of the National Association of Indigenous Salvadorans) and other Indians at Las Hojas say that 74 villagers were killed at various sites outside the village that day, but that only 18 deaths were officially recorded by a judge.

On the second anniversary of the killings, the families of the victims attended a mass, put fresh flowers on the graves of the victims and promised never to forget. Alfredo Marquez took a reporter to the cornfield where he said he watched army troops beat his 60-year-old father, Hector Manuel Marquez, before taking him away. He found his father later, he says, feet and hands tied together and his head blown to pieces. We ask justice for those who died, Marquez said, Justice – nothing more.

The Las Hojas massacre is one of the best-documented instances of army involvement in human-rights violations here. The main points in Esquino's account have been supported by investigators from the US embassy and the Salvadoran human rights commission. President José Napoleon Duarte has made the massacre one of six human-rights cases to be investigated by a special commission he set up six months ago to show that such indiscriminate killing would no longer be tolerated in El Salvador. But the commission has been obstructed at almost every turn by the conservative-dominated legislative assembly and by the conservative-controlled attorney-general's office. A senior Salvadoran official said that the commission has served a symbolic purpose, but that he doubted it would ever be able to bring about the conviction of the guilty.

The lack of legal progress is an indication of defects in the Salvadoran judicial system that appear to outweigh Duarte's good intentions, as does the continuing refusal of the Salvadoran army publicly to condemn and punish officers implicated in killing innocent civilians. The two officers who commanded the troops believed to have carried out the Las Hojas massacre, Captain Salvador Figueroa Morales and Colonel Elmer Gonzalez Araujo, have never been indicted or disciplined, and remain on active duty. Gonzalez is now working in the defence ministry. Attempts to reach the officers through the army press office were to no avail.

Asked why the two officers had not been disciplined by the army high command, a spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Ricardo Cienfuegos, said they had never been indicted by a judge and there were therefore no grounds to do so. Esquino said the judge in the case had told him that he feared for his life if he indicted the two officers. This statement could not be confirmed but such fears have been a frequent obstacle to prosecution. A lawyer for Esquino's association, who asked not to be named, said he had told Esquino that he would refuse to seek indictments against Figueroa and Gonzalez, because if they touched the army they would be threatened or killed. The original judge investigating the massacre has resigned and no judge has been appointed to take over the case.

The maximum penalty paid by most army officers has been a diplomatic posting abroad and in one instance a lieutenant was forced to resign. Senior army officers have said that the only reason these limited actions were taken was because of pressure from the American embassy. Such problems have not kept Esquino from repeatedly seeking legal redress. He has met with two Salvadoran presidents, the American ambassador, the army chief of staff and the attorney-general. They all promised justice, he said.

The minister of defence at the time of the killings, General Jose Guillermo Garcia, publicly vowed that the guilty would be punished because in El Salvador "justice is always done".

The people of Las Hojas say they will continue to pursue their case in court, but life has not been easy for them. Recently the army forcibly recruited six teenagers from the cooperative whose fathers were among the massacre victims, according to Esquino. Mothers of the teenagers said their chief concern now was to persuade the army to return their sons.

**James Lemoyne**

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**Digby Anderson**

# Experts that are hard to stomach

Two prominent supermarket chains have, without any state compulsion, begun to display comprehensive details of the ingredients in their foods on the labels. The recent International Food and Drink exhibition showed the increased emphasis that food-producers, again without governmental compulsion but presumably in response to demand, are putting on "healthy" foods. Last year saw booming sales for books on diets and "healthy" eating, books provided spontaneously by the market.

These developments are galling for one group of people, the Food-Leninists. Let me introduce you. You'd rather not meet them? They do not sound very pleasant. Indeed they are not but you should know what they plan to do to your food before it's too late – while there's still crackling on your pork.

For nearly two years, since the leaking of the National Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education (NACNE) report, *Proposals for Nutritional Guidelines for Health Education*, a growing attempt has been made to have it accepted as fact that the average British diet is suicidal and worse now than ever before. Proposed remedies include a 15-year state plan which will alter public attitudes, agricultural practices, food manufacturing and processing techniques, food prices, packaging and advertising. No, it is not a misprint; a 15-year state plan.

The action demanded by the Food-Leninists is not health education. That might be sensible. Nor are they simply asking the Government to *stop* current interventions which distort food market prices and encourage unhealthy eating. That would indeed be sensible. No, the Leninists want more government intervention to tax food products which they, themselves, decree to be unhealthy, government prescription of what is to be displayed on food labels, a ban on the advertising of foods which the state decides are not good for its citizens, government subsidies and directions to farmers to breed and rear livestock selectively with a view to producing the "right" sort of meat, and lots of state propaganda on "healthy" eating. Leninism.

Your guess is as good as mine as to whether the Government will listen to these people: who would have thought an administration which talks so much freedom rhetoric would be so wedded to compulsory fluoridisation? But that is not my reason for introducing you to the Leninists. I thought you might be interested in their trick. They did not invent it. It is an old trick well used by campaigners for more state intervention in social and health problems. But the Food-Leninists perform it rather neatly. It is called the competence trick.

Take a problem, in this case the British diet. Describe it in detail. Explain that the principal killer diseases of today are related to individual behaviour, usually called "lifestyle", and thus avoidable. Dwell, at length, on the horrible consequences of eating too much sugar or fat. Proclaim the links between diet and coronary heart disease, cancer of the large bowel, diabetes and strokes. Graphically illustrate the costs of these self-imposed sufferings to the National Health System and work lost in industry.

Do not publicize the fact that not all nutritionists agree about these matters or that they have been wrong in the past. Do not mention that dietetic matters vary between individuals – one person can take much more cholesterol than another. It is crucial not to say anything which might imply the solution is one for individuals and their doctors. Describe the problem so as to make a general, political solution the appropriate answer.

Now find a villain. The obvious candidate, the cream bun-guzzling fat individual, won't do, precisely because he is an individual. Anyway, there is a ready-made cardboard character villain, one tested in many previous social-issue productions: business. It is the food industry, grasping for profits, which with the aid of the equally villainous advertising industry is deceiving these innocent man-in-the-bun-shop into bad ways. Mad, if freed from capitalism, would be a natural brain-hungry jogger.

In vain does one argue that if capitalists really are out for profit, they will seek it indiscriminately, as happy to make money out of brain tracksuits, margarine and labels which read like nutritional dictionaries as out of oven chips, oursize trousers, butter and bangers. In vain does one gently point to other candidates for the role of villain.

Has the tendency to eat snacks got nothing to do with the decline, especially among working-class families, of meals eaten together? Is the high juvenile consumption of sweets unconnected with lapses in parental discipline? Has the growth in demand for quick, processed foods no connection with the increase in the number of mothers who go out to work? Fie! Don't even mention the possibility. The decline in traditional family life and sex roles is not the sort of candidate villain that could even be considered. Though it should be: the family has played an important role in the preservation of culinary traditions and standards.

In this dispute there are at least three fields of competence: first, a medical, scientific and epidemiological one about the links between diet and health. The nutritionists know a lot about this, though their knowledge is less sure and agreed than the Leninists make out; second, a sociological one about why people buy and eat the (unhealthy) foods they do. The nutritionists know next to nothing about this, indeed they know comparatively little about what healthy people do eat and how they remain healthy on it. Their knowledge is mostly of unhealthy people's diet. Third, an economic one about the likely effect of state intervention in food production, packaging, pricing, and advertising.

The Food-Leninists' trick is to establish their competence concerning the nutritional problem, then blur the distinctions between the fields of competence so that the audience accords credibility to their proposed political solution.

But all the knowledge in the world about polyunsaturated fats is worth nothing if the puzzle is about why people eat sticky buns and whether and how a government could or should stop them.

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***moreover*... Miles Kington**

# Suit the accent to the word

I was listening to an announcer on Radio 3 the other day when it suddenly occurred to me that someone had once said there was such a thing as a BBC accent.

What a load of nonsense. There are *dozens* of BBC accents, or at least BBC voices. It's just that nobody has bothered to tabulate them all yet. Like a water meadow that supports countless different forms of life, BBC radio is a treasure-house of varied speaking patterns. Take the measured tread of my Radio 3 man. . . .

"Glockensteiner was born in Hanover in 1836 and died in Berlin in 1877. Though little remembered today, he was famous in his time for his organ sonatas, chamber works and light operettas. Of these the most famous was *The Flighty Vicar*, whose overture we hear now played by . . .".

The phrasing, the voice, the patient enunciation of a man who knows that nobody is listening to him, are all Radio 3. They could be on no other station. Even when cricket takes over, things go quite differently. We do not hear:

"Padmore was born in Barnsley in 1893 and died in Surrey in 1947. Though forgotten now, he was well-known in his day as Yorkshire opening bat, close fielder and occasional spin bowler. Perhaps his most famous innings . . .".

What we do hear is: "Freddie, do you remember Victor Padmore, or was he before your time? What a grand old character he was – my goodness, I remember him coming on in the fourth Test against Australia when all seemed lost and getting the two vital wickets of – or am I thinking of George Rafter, the Notts left-hander?"

Radio 3 cricket is the home of soft regional accents, whereas football summaries are the home of hard regional accents, all Geordie, Glasgow, Liverpool and cockney. Mid-week football, that is; Saturday football belongs to the hard-boiled, misplaced foreign correspondent, sounding as if he's reporting under fire from Beirut instead of White Hart Lane:

"A tough, uncompromising game this, with both sides knowing they had been in a battle. It was a gruelling stalemate for forty minutes and then, just when we were expecting a blank sheet at half-time, Martin crossed from the right, Thomson fired in from close range and City crossed over one goal up. No sooner had hostilities resumed than . . .".

Radio 4 is the home of current affairs double acts, the big fellow plus the quiet one. The big fellow used to be called Francis Williams or William Hardcastle, now he's called Brian Widlake or Gordon Clough, but the requirements are always the same: a deep, gritty, trustworthy voice, a voice that *knows*. The quiet fellow has a calmer, lighter voice and reads the news. Together, you'll believe anything they say.

Radio 2 voices tend to wear slippers and have a wee dram in hand ("Very tasty . . . the late night sound of Sidney Sheldon and the Silver Strings . . . very mellow, Sidney") while Radio 1 voices are convincingly near-American ("Right! Sidney Sheldon there with his *big* string groove!") so much so that genuine Americans like Gambacchini and Jensen, the late lamented, sound a bit fake. Then there's John Peel, the only Shrewsbury alumnus to get a Scouse accent pretty near right, Peter Clayton who sounds younger every year, and Humphrey Lyttleton, master of the absent-minded professor pause . . . "Hello there, this is Humphrey . . . er . . . um . . . yes, Lyttelton. . . ."

And what about the Radio 4 school of contorted links? How do you get from a chilling Cambodian film to sheepdogs and still sound like a schoolmistress? "Yes, that's our preview of *The Killing Fields* at 4 pm. And talking of fields have you ever wondered how shepherds manage to get sheep from one to another? Well, at 5 o'clock . . . ."

Just one BBC accent? What a load of hogwash. That was Miles Kington talking about just a few of the voices to be heard on BBC radio. There's another chance to hear that talk next Monday at 3 am . . .

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# MR GORBACHOV'S HOUR

The passing of the Chernenko era is unlikely to result in any immediate or dramatic chage in the USSR or in its relations with the West. He did not live long enough to establish full control of the bureaucratic system or to stamp his image on Soviet society. Unlike Mr Andropov, he did little to encourage reform even in his first months; and after he was incapacitated by illness the ruling apparatus continued without him, guided by men with decades of experience in government. Without a dynamic leader at the head of the Party there was no hope of major improvement in Soviet internal or foreign policy.

As a man long experienced in struggling with the endemic problems of the Soviet economy, Mr Gorbachov might well promote energetically various new projects – already circulating in draft proposals – to make the system more efficient. He could prove to be a man with whom Western politicians feel more at home than with Lenin's heirs. Many certainly have pinned their hopes of improved relations on a pro-detente Gorbachov administration. But neither a natural desire for cheap credit and advanced technology to strengthen the Soviet economy nor an even more natural wish to avoid a nuclear holocaust makes Mr Gorbachov a new star on the horizon. We have been here before.

It will take years for a shake-up in party organization to have any real effect, to judge by President Andropov's failures. The Gromyko/Ponomarev line in foreign policy will continue at Geneva and other East-West negotiations. Discontent in Eastern Europe at policies imposed by the Kremlin will not suddenly die away, nor will Moscow's ideological hostility to bourgeois democracy vanish overnight.

The question inevitably arises: Should we make concessions to encourage the new leader? Should President Reagan be more flexible over his Strategic Defence initiative? In his public statements Mr Gorbachov has shown more interest in encouraging Western European countries and Japan to separate their policies from Washington than in proposing major steps which could lead to genuine progress in reducing tensions between the military blocs. If Mr Gorbachov really wants peace, he should end the war in Afghanistan by withdrawing the occupying forces. That would be the time to discuss concessions.

It is a sad commentary on East-West relations that the morbid Kremlin death watch should assume such importance. There is a widespread tendency to believe that the dangerous hostility which prevails between Moscow and Washington stems from the hardline policies of individual leaders, and that after the Chernenko and Reagan administrations there might be more hope of an improvement. But the signing of the Helsinki Final Act in August 1975, widely regarded as the apogee of so-called detente, unfortunately did not mean that international tensions were genuinely receding into history. Even those who, ignoring realities, wish to divide the post war years into neat chapters of "Cold War" and "Detente" found that the personalities of leaders and the crisis in East-West relations did not conveniently coincide with their artificial chronological divisions.

The Brezhnev-Carter period was rudely violated by the invasion of Afghanistan, which underlined that the crushing of the Prague Spring in 1968 was a consistent piece of Soviet policy, and not merely a regrettable mistake to be consigned to past history. Mr Andropov was wrongly portrayed in the West as a liberal, or at least as a realist who intended to withdraw the occupation forces; they were, on the contrary, reinforced.

President Chernenko was a stop gap. Like his two predecessors he bravely, but mistakenly, persevered in power long after his strength and ability to make clear sensible decisions were exhausted. His successor is more energetic and can expect to stay in power a very long time. We may be at the start of a long saga of revision in the structure of the Soviet state, but until Mr Gorbachov actually proves himself, we cannot tell whether he will be able to reform the system which he has inherited sufficiently to face the challenges of the future and to halt its long decline. Until it is clear in the West that Mr Gorbachov is capable of stamping his own mark on the Soviet system, rather than reflecting its unchanging and unpleasant characteristics, caution should be the keynote. Mr Gorbachov has achieved power, but the inherent secrecy of the Soviet system means that neither his own people, nor the outside world, has any idea whether he will use his power wisely, or continue with the depressing tradition of his inheritance.

# PAPANDREOU'S THREAT TO GREECE

"In God's name, who rules this country?" Mr Konstantine Karamanlis is said to have exclaimed on learning as Prime Minister of Greece in 1963, that the left wing leader Gregory Lambrakis had been murdered by police criminally under his government's authority. The subsequent investigation by a courageous young magistrate exposed complicity in the high ranks of the police force and contributed to the swing of opinion which led soon afterwards to Mr Karamanlis's defeat and replacement by the veteran leader of the Centre Union, George Papandreou. It was also later immortalized in the film 'Z', the ending of which implies that the forces behind the murder of Lambrakis were also responsible for the suppression of Greek democracy which followed in 1967.

The ghost of Lambrakis appeared to have been laid in 1974 when the dictatorship was swept away and Mr Karamanlis recalled to preside over the restoration of democracy – a broad-based, more genuine democracy this time, in which left wing parties, including communists, could compete on equal terms; even more so in 1981 when the Pan Hellenic Socialist Party (PASOK), led by George Papandreou's son, Andreas – the *bete noire* of the right in the 60s, came to power in a free election while Mr Karamanlis as president of the republic, ensured the continuity of the state.

Since then Mr Papandreou's government has done some things which alarmed or distressed moderate Greek opinion and others which profoundly irritated its Nato allies. But to both groups the continued presence of Mr Karamanlis as head of state, holding in reserve important powers, given to him by the constitution he had himself sponsored in 1975, was reassuring. Mr Papandreou himself was widely understood to value this reassurance, and even to count on it to ensure his government's reelection later this year. For that very reason he had himself urged Mr Karamanlis to accept a second presidential term.

The general understanding was, therefore, that Mr Karamanlis would be reelected by parliament this Friday with the support of both major parties. The country could then go forward to a general election under the watchful eye of an umpire respected by both sides.

Now, however, the ghost of Lambrakis has suddenly reappeared. To everyone's astonishment when the Pasok central committee met on Saturday to choose its presidential candidate Mr Papandreou proposed not President Karamanlis but Mr Christos Sartzetakis – the magistrate who was the hero of the Lambrakis affair, and is now a Supreme Court judge. He also proposed that the next parliament should be given constituent powers, so that the president can be stripped of his powers to dissolve parliament and call referenda on his own initiative.

Many Pasok members, who had been reluctant to vote for a president whose raison d'etre seemed to be to stop them carrying out their full programme, were delighted by this turn of events. Mr Karamanlis, needless to say, was not. He wished to be president of all the Greeks, not the candidate of the opposition. He has promptly withdrawn.

His own former party, New Democracy, now has to find another candidate in a hurry, or decide to abstain, knowing that no candidate of theirs can beat Mr Sartzetakis in this parliament. Most probably Mr Sartzetakis will just scrape the 180 votes he needs for election on the third ballot. Failing that, parliament will be automatically dissolved and new elections held straight away.

Either way, the general election will now be held in an atmosphere of acutely polarized opinions with the head of state and his powers at the centre of the debate – uncomfortably recalling the repeated clashes over the royal prerogative which preceded the 1967 coup. Mr Papandreou, pre-empting opposition from his left, has confronted the country with an all-or-nothing choice: either it throws him out or it submits to the unrestrained caprice of him and his party.

Greece's allies will not easily conceal their preference for the former choice. But in any case they will regret the unnecessary polarization of Greek politics and will fear its consequences. Especially they will regret that a statesman who they have learned to respect and to whom belongs the credit both for restoring his country to democracy and for bringing it into the European Community should be obliged to leave office in such a painful manner.

# TOO LEFT FOR COMFORT

Sunday's provincial election results in the Saarland and West Berlin will be a source of qualified satisfaction to Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democratic party, and of profound relief to his embattled coalition partner, the FDP. The Christian Democrats scored a notable victory in West Berlin, thanks largely to the vigorous leadership of Herr Eberhard Diepgen, the Governing Mayor. Their defeat in the Saarland was equally notable, but widely expected. What almost no one expected was the very strong showing of the FDP in both contests. Perhaps this was partly the achievement of a new party leader, Herr Martin Bangemann, although he has held that position for only a few weeks. Probably it was more due to the groundwork of the local parties. But in Bonn the FDP will once again be saying, like Max Twain, rumours of our death have been greatly exaggerated. This is also good news for the chancellor, whose coalition government depends on the electoral health of the FDP. Both may now look forward with more confidence to the general election in 1987.

But for the longer term, and for West Germany's allies, much the most interesting result is the clear victory in the Saarland of the Social Democrat Herr Oskar Lafontaine, a politician as ambitious as he is radical. To be sure, local conditions played a large part in his success. A state with fourteen per cent unemployment, and the local steel combine on the verge of bankruptcy, is a natural constituency for the Left. The opposing Christian Democrat candidate was no match for Herr Lafontaine's youthful appeal. But the immediate national significance of the Saarland result for the SPD is that it here, for the first time, reversed the trend of recent years, by taking votes from the Greens rather than vice versa. Indeed, the Greens were trounced. However, Herr Lafontaine did this by stealing the Greens' policy clothes, both on ecological issues (he talks of "eco-socialism") and on defence (he wants West Germany to leave Nato).

Herr Lafontaine's own position inside the national party will obviously be strengthened by this success. He is already being talked of as a possible Social Democratic candidate for Chancellor in 1987. Even those who are not his personal admirers may be tempted to follow his electoral strategy, in order to outflank the Greens.

Two years ago the SPD was hardly recognisable as the centrist party of Helmut Schmidt. Like the Labour party, it had slid, in the irresponsibility of opposition, towards the unilateralist Left. Like the Labour party, it had done so only at the cost of extreme internal tensions. However, in recent months, the party has been getting painfully back together again, and edging back into the mainstream consensus symbolised by Helmut Schmidt (still far the most popular politician in the Federal Republic). But the rise of Herr Lafontaine, armed with the potent aphrodisiac of electoral success, threatens to upset the balance so precariously regained.

In the short term, this is all good for Chancellor Kohl, just as the leftward disarray of the Labour party is good for Mrs Thatcher. But in the longer term it would be bad for the country, bad for Europe, and bad for the West, if a major democratic party were really to collapse into the left-nationalist postures of Herr Lafontaine. The SPD, and Germany, deserve better.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Stemming tide of State surveillance

*From Mr Roy Jenkins, MP for Hillhead (Social Democrat)*

Sir, I of course gave permission for Lord Bridge to investigate the issue of warrants for telephone interception during my second period as Home Secretary. I would have been equally happy for him to look at the practice during my first period.

On the narrowest criteria Lord Bridge appears cosily to exonerate us all. I do not however believe that he exonerates himself. A judge of status and quality ought not in my view to have agreed to conduct such an enquiry within the limitations of time and scope imposed by the Prime Minister. He has made himself appear a poodle of the executive.

I trust that in future Lord Bridge will not be asked to pronounce on matters where the interests of authority and of liberty mingle uncomfortably. He no longer carries independent authority in this field.

On the wider merits of interception I hope and believe that nothing improper was done in my periods of office. Most of those who think themselves to be tapped are suffering from illusions of grandeur. Certainly clickings on the line are not evidence. A more suspicious factor would be a peculiarly good service with no wrong numbers and no background noises over a period. These tests should set most people's minds at rest.

Nevertheless I believe that the present position has become untenable and that the previous practice cannot continue. This is partly because we have become a more inquisitive and iconoclastic society, and partly because this Government has deliberately damaged the nexus of consent. Actions may be taken with the tacit support of 90 per cent of the House of Commons which should not be done with the support of 60 per cent, particularly if even that lower figure is grossly inflated by the vagaries of the electoral system.

A rolling back of the frontiers of State surveillance is necessary. That ought to be more acceptable to most Conservative MPs than it appears to be. How far can we go?

Criminal warrants (which are requested by the police or the customs authorities) are in my view both acceptable and productive. The gathering of anti-terrorist information must clearly not be impeded. Counter-espionage is legitimate and, if well done, desirable.

That leaves the semi-political activity of MI5. I am not convinced that it has been greatly abused; and, looking round the world, it is clearly an exaggeration to think that a few hundred people a year (most of them suspected professional criminals) having their telephones tapped is one of the major invasions of human liberty.

Yet, having said that, I have come to the conclusion that this side of MI5 has become more trouble than it is worth. It falls over its own feet too often. It arouses more suspicion and complaint than is justified by the results it achieves. It occupies more of the time of relevant Ministers with disputes about its own deficiencies or worse than with considering any useful deposits of information which it provides.

On grounds of utility I would now close down the political side of its activities.

Yours sincerely,
ROY JENKINS,
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East Hendred, Oxfordshire.
March 10.

## Tapping the NCCL

*From Ms Marie Staunton and Ms Barbara Cohen*

Sir, Bernard Levin (March 6) should know that the National Council for Civil Liberties has been attacking the lack of accountability of the security sevices for not a mere nine months but for 50 years. It was only similarly determined criticism leading to thorough judicial investigation that revealed the "scandalously inaccurate" records kept by the South Australian Special Branch on "subversives" ranging from judges of the Supreme Court to members of the NCCL and the abuse of personal tax records by the FBI prior to Watergate.

We object to surveillance of NCCL not because we have "something to hide" (letter, March 4) but because in a free society it is not for the citizen to prove him or herself innocent of any subversive thought, word or deed but for the state to justify any intrusion on personal privacy – usually before a judicial authority.

As legal officers of NCCL, we and our predecessors have not only an interest but a duty, like any other solicitor, to protect the confidences of clients. The Government's failure to investigate the surveillance of NCCL's legal officers or to control interceptions under the present Bill so as to prevent professional confidences from being played into the listening ears of the security services should cause all lawyers disquiet.

Yours sincerely,
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21 Tabard Street, SE1.

## After the pits dispute

*From Mr Roger Noddings*

Sir, I read yesterday (March 6) Mr Frank Field's letter to you. I feel his views cannot go uncontested.

As I see it, he is making two main points. First, that the cost of the pit dispute (£3 billion or thereabouts) had no deleterious effect on the economy and second, because of this factor, a similar amount could and should be spent on creating, say, 375,000 jobs in the building industry.

These views are mistaken. In the first instance, the economy has undoubtedly been damaged by the need for extra cash. The Government during the year has found the market unwilling to meet this need on rates of interest anticipating a lower PSBR (public sector borrowing requirement), and thus sterling fell as investors sold Government debt, which in turn forced interest rates up to reflect the higher borrowing requirement.

In the second instance, one must assume that Mr Field would require the extra cash every year if his builders are not to find themselves back on the dole. Thus, the extra borrowing and higher interest rates would become permanent and before too long would cost many jobs in industries sensitive to the price of money: the retail trade, engineering, brewing and, yes, the building industry.

In any event, the high level of unemployment at present is merely a reflection of previous attempts to bury the problem in a mountain of subsidies. When will people learn?

Yours faithfully,
ROGER NODDINGS.
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## Causes of decline

*From Dr A. Kelly, FRS*

Sir, *The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* defines "entrepreneur" as

a. the director or manager of a public musical institution
b. one who gets up entertainments;

whereas *Webster's New International Dictionary of the English Language*, produced in the USA, defines "entrepreneur" as

1. the organizer of an economic venture; esp. one who organizes, owns, manages and assumes the risks of a business
2. one that organizes, promotes, or manages an enterprise or activity of any kind.

Is this perhaps a reason for our poor economic performance?

Yours faithfully,
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Church Lane, Worplesdon,
Guildford, Surrey.
March 8.

## By roundabout means

*From Mr Paul Griffiths*

Sir, I fear that any etiquette concerning doors, revolving or otherwise, is fast disappearing. I visit a local bank daily and frequently hold the door open for those following, who more often than not, brush past without so much as a glance yet alone a word of thanks and take their place prior to me in the queue at the counter for service.

None the less I shall continue to remain long-suffering and maintain the standard of etiquette which I have been brought up to observe, heartened by the cheerful courtesy shown to me by the bank staff when I eventually receive attention.

Yours truly,
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St Neots,
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March 3.

## South Africa boycott

*From Mr Madron Seligman, Member of the European Parliament for Sussex West (European Democrat (Conservative))*

Sir, After talking to a wide range of leaders of opinion from all political groups in South Africa, I found very few indeed who supported the current campaign for disinvestment.

Firstly, if it were effective it would damage primarily those whom it is aimed to help – the urban and rural black Africans and the immigrant workers who come into South Africa in their thousands to find work.

Disinvestment could also be a major economic setback for the neighbouring black nations, such as the BLS states (former British protectorates, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland), Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, who depend so much on South African supplies and markets.

While Renamo guerillas continue to destroy Mozambique's rail and road links to the coast, and civil war continues in Angola, a large proportion of the exports from Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi have to reach East London, or some other South African harbour, to be shipped to the markets of the world.

Despite the activities of the SADCC (Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference), which aims at making South Africa's neighbours less dependent upon her, Zambia still relies on South Africa to take 33 per cent of her exports.

Swaziland draws 90 per cent of her imports from South Africa, Botswana 87 per cent, and Zimbabwe 27.5 per cent. This does not include clandestine indirect imports and exports via third countries.

Mozambique depends upon South Africa to take 9,575,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year from her large hydroelectric power station at Cabora Bassa. (This is, however, frustrated at the moment by Renamo guerillas' sabotage of the power line.)

In this and many other ways neighbouring states stand to suffer severly from the effects of disinvestment or boycott campaigns on the South African economy.

There are over 1.1 million immigrant black people from neighbouring states now employed in mining, construction, transport, manufacturing, agricultural and domestic jobs; 150,000 of those work for American subsidiaries.

This means that, with their families, some million souls depend on American investment for their livelihood. Many more depend on British and European subsidiaries.

It is ironical that the strongest voices in the disinvestment and boycott campaigns are those furthest removed from South Africa. You don't hear much from South Africa's immediate neighbours on this theme, presumably because they will be the first to suffer.

Public opinion polls reveal that between 75 per cent and 85 per cent of South Africa's black industrial workers are against disinvestment by foreign companies.

If disinvestment and boycotts became a serious reality, growing numbers of blacks without jobs, property or education would, indeed, be an ideal breeding ground for the revolution, which Marxists and their Soviet supporters are planning for.

For those who want peaceful, rather than revolutionary, change, what is needed in South Africa is not disinvestment, it is more investment aid to black and coloured entrepreneurs, who could become job providers in the urban and rural black areas.

Yours etc,
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March 5.

## Fair play on the football field

*From Mr Hugh Green*

Sir, When Stuart Jones writes (March 5) "Sunderland ... will be without the suspended Elliott for the final. That, compared to the problems that Chelsea will face after a Football Association inquiry, seems minimal," his apparent indifference to the situation is surely not caused by an unawareness of the injustice involved, but rather by the regularity with which the same injustice has occurred in the past.

If Shaun Elliott does indeed miss the Milk Cup Final it will be the fourth time in as many years that the captain of a side (to say nothing of the other members of the team) has been barred from participating in a Wembley final.

The system of suspending players who have been booked too often is widely accepted, but are the football authorities realistic in treating a Cup Final in the same way as any other game for this purpose? Sunderland will play 42 league games this season, but on March 24 will play in their first Cup Final for 13 years. They are unlikely to play in another before Shaun Elliott retires.

What should be the highlight of a particular player's career is to be taken away from him by a combination of unfortunate timing and intransigent and unsympathetic rules. The excuse in the past has been, "It is an unfortunate circumstance, but we cannot make exceptions." Why not? What are exceptions for if not exceptional circumstances?

Our national game, at present, has many ailments, most of which the authorities are powerless to correct. They can ill afford to neglect the rare opportunities they do get to make decisions that will benefit the game as a whole. It would be a positive move were they to set up an effective appeals procedure before March 24 rather than allowing the present petty system to claim another luckless victim.

Yours sincerely,
HUGH GREEN,
45 Allestree Road, SW6.

## Setting free the buses

*From Mr Theodor Schmidt*

Sir, As a visitor to Britain I find the present controversy about bus regulation both amusing and unfortunate.

We in Switzerland have a postal bus network which in most cases works very well indeed. All rural buses are run by the Post Office and are used also for delivering mail from head to sub-post offices. This double use is very economical and some of the inevitable losses on minor routes are borne by the profits of the mail service.

The advantages of such a system are reliable, frequent services to most towns and villages; complete co-operation with the railways, including through tickets; all services listed in a national timetable. Rural services can be run by local operators, but must conform to the operating and safety standards maintained by the Post Office. Austria and Germany also have similar systems.

This concept is, of course, the very opposite to what the British Government is trying to do with its deregulation ideas. It will be interesting to see whether the proposed free-for-all competition philosophy can get anywhere near the results of the Swiss co-ordinated system, which, as far as I can tell, is superior to the present British system and costs the taxpayer less.

Sincerely yours,
T. SCHMIDT,
C. F. Meyer-Strasse 6,
CH-4059 Basel,
Switzerland.
March 4.

## Truly dreadful

*From Mrs L. A. F. Lewis*

Sir, Sir Anthony Hayward (March 1) and your Correspondent (March 7) are both right about *The City of Dreadful Night*. Kipling wrote two works with this title. The better-known describes Lahore, but there was also a series of articles (reprinted in *From Sea to Sea*) about Calcutta: its assembly, opium dens and brothels, and the terrible stink of its drains.

Yours faithfully,
LISA A. F. LEWIS,
Cappaslade Cottage,
Slade End,
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell,
Wallingford,
Oxfordshire.
March 7.

## Fluoride in water

*From Mr Clive E. Williams*

Sir, Your editorial, "Doctoring the well" (March 5), is badly flawed. The possible danger to health cannot be dismissed in as cavalier a manner as it suggests (antagonists of the scheme do not blame fluoridation for everything from leprosy to Aids). It may be 30 years before concrete evidence is available as to the undesirability of the addition of this highly toxic substance to our water.

Our grandchildren may live to see it banned but that offers cold comfort to present generations. On the matter of individual freedom, this may or may not be the thin end of the wedge. However, the real irritant is the presumption that yet again we shall be protected from our own (sugar-laden) folly from the cradle to the grave (possibly shortening the distance while we are about it).

The stark fact is that we are individually responsible for maintenance of our health. As for the irresponsible – let them eat cake.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE E. WILLIAMS,
29 Camborne Road,
Sutton, Surrey.
March 6.

## Gallic customs

*From Lieutenant-Commander Tom Tuke*

Sir, It is a shame that Mr Colin Webb (March 6) dislikes the two-cheek Gallic greeting, or double-decker buss as we call it in rural parts.

I find that Granny's generation is quite happy with the old-fashioned single peck, the feminists back off at about six feet (should that be two metres?) and the younger and more progressive settle for a warm handshake or a kiss on both sides. Could one imagine a better system?

Vive la France!

Yours faithfully,
TOM TUKE,
Boleyhill,
Greyabbey,
co Down,
Northern Ireland.
March 8.

## Tongue-tripping

*From Colonel James Capadose*

Sir, Your Correspondence Editor would probably sympathize with someone I spoke to the other day who had, he claimed, been inundated with letters.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES CAPADOSE,
Breaches West, Westerham, Kent.

## ON THIS DAY

MARCH 12 1900

*The extract below is taken from a long article describing tactics and actions in the South African War. Lord Roberts had arrived in the country in January 1900 as commander-in-chief. Mafeking was relieved on May 17. Dum-Dum bullets was the generic term to describe forms of expanding bullets which on impact cause ugly, gaping wounds. They were used by the British during frontier fighting in India. The name is derived from the arsenal at Dum-Dum, Bengal.*

### THE MILITARY SITUATION

There is no further news from Mafeking, for which great anxiety must be felt. The latest telegram dated February 1900 stated that "dysentery and stomach evils" were "rife among the garrison," and that "the cheerfulness characteristic of the early days of the siege has almost deserted us." ...

The possibility that the loose organizations of the Boers, their want of real discipline, and the unscrupulousness of some of their leaders might lead to a general disregard of civilized war seems unhappily in danger of being realized. Lord Roberts has been obliged to address a stern warning to Presidents Kruger and Steyn in regard to a "gross abuse of the white flag and of the signal of holding up the hands in token of surrender" which he personally witnessed during the action of Driefontein on Saturday. At the same time he draws attention to the fact that "a large quantity of explosive bullets of three different kinds" were found in General Cronje's laager on the Modder River. The boxes containing ammunition of this class are said to have been labelled by the Boers "manufactured by the British Government". It is difficult to understand how this paltry device could be expected to deceive any one as ammunition boxes are, of course, never thus inscribed. There is some evidence that actual explosive bullets have been used by the Boers; but they could only have been fired from comparatively large-bore sporting rifles, since the calibre of the Mauser is too small to allow of the introduction into the bullet of an effective amount of explosive substance. The bullets referred to by Lord Roberts are probably those of so-called "expanding" type made with an exposed and hollow nose, or extemporized by filing off or slitting a portion of the envelope. Mr. Teves, the eminent surgeon, who has visited the hospitals in Natal, has stated that "a considerable proportion" of the wounds received by our soldiers in the recent actions were made by the bullets of the expanding type. He is, however, reported to disbelieve the graver rumour that poisoned bullets have been used, and to think that the greasy substance employed is intended to only lubricate the rifle barrels. The use of expanding bullets by the Boers, is, however, now fully established, and it is to be remembered that the same thing occurred in 1881. General Cronje before Petebefstroom having written to Colonel Winslow "We from our side wish to follow the law established among civilized nations" and to "adopt the principles laid down at Geneva," the latter forwarded on February 4 a certificate from a military and civil surgeon that bullets of "an explosive character" had been employed. While resorting to this unworthy practice during the present campaign, the Boers have not scrupled to assert that our troops have used "Dum-Dum" bullets, implying that the latter are of expanding type. It is hardly necessary to point out that Dum-Dum is a general factory for small arms ammunition for the Indian Army, and that the locality of manufacture does not indicate the nature of the bullet. Mark IV, soft-nosed ammunition has not been made at Woolwich as well as Dum-Dum, but none of it has been used in South Africa.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 11: The Queen this afternoon attended the Commonwealth Day Observance Service in Westminster Abbey and was received by the Dean of Westminster and the Chairman of the Royal Over-Seas League and Deputy Chairman of the Joint Commonwealth Societies' Council (Sir David Scott).

Her Majesty was later present at a Reception given by the Commonwealth Secretary-General (His Excellency Mr Shridath Ramphal) at Marlborough House.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 11: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the London College of Music, was present this afternoon at a College Concert at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales to be Patron of The Purcell School.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D. Findlay and Miss C. Stewart-Patterson**

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Findlay, of Montreal, and Christian, daughter of Mr Cleveland and Lady Alison Stewart-Patterson, of Senneville, Quebec, Canada.

The marriage will take place on May 25, 1985, at St Giles' Presbyterian Church, Baie d'Urfe, Quebec.

**Mr R. J. Bartleet and Miss J. M. F. Gordon**

The engagement is announced between Robin John, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Bartleet, Great Tey, Essex, and Janet Margaret Felicity, younger daughter of the late Mrs Christine Gordon and of Mr G. A. L. Gordon, Edinburgh.

**Mr J. P. B. Calascione and Miss C. Gambier**

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Calascione, Royal Artillery, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Calascione, of Malta, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Gambier, of Zimbabwe.

**Mr J. W. Chester and Miss M. Cieziolka**

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Chester, of Needham Market, Suffolk, and Martine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Cieziolka, of Paris, France.

**Mr J. J. J. Huckstep and Miss R. M. K. Martin de St Valery**

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Huckstep, of Colgate, West Sussex, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Martin de St Valery, of Warnham, West Sussex.

**Mr R. Jedrzejewski and Dr A. M. Alderton**

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs W. Jedrzejewski, of Portslade, Sussex, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. K. Alderton, of East Dereham, Norfolk.

**Mr S. C. Kohn and Miss K. Shearer**

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mrs J. S. Kohn and the late Mr G. Kohn, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and Katharine, elder daughter of Mrs M. Shearer and the late Dr H. M. M. Shearer, Durham.

**Mr G. S. Napier and Dr H. B. Piercy**

The engagement is announced between Gary, only son of Mr G. Napier and the late Mrs Napier, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire, and Hilary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. Piercy, of Beckenham, Kent.

**Mr G. R. Sumption and Miss A. M. Henriques**

The engagement is announced between Gideon, younger son of the late Mr W. A. Sumption and of Mrs Peter Dobree, of Holcombe Court, Holcombe Rogus, Devon, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Q. Henriques, of Purdis Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk.

**Mr M. Thompson and Miss K. Davies**

The engagement is announced between Marque, son of Mr and Mrs T. M. Thompson, of Redhill, Surrey, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. B. Davies, of Warwick Wold, Surrey.

## Marriage

**Mr G. J. L. Dugarin and Dr P. E. Smith**

The marriage took place at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, on Sunday, March 10, between Mr Georges Dugarin, only son of M and Dr G. Dugarin, of Lille, France, and Dr Penelope Smith, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Smith, of Scarborough, Yorkshire.

## Meetings

**Chartered Institute of Transport**

Mr Patrick Shovelton delivered the 1985 Reginald Grout memorial lecture, "Some thoughts after six years at the General Council of British Shipping", to members of the Chartered Institute of Transport in London last night. Sir Norman Payne, president, presided and afterwards entertained the speaker at dinner.

**Royal Over-Seas League**

Mr Robert Mellish, Deputy Chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last evening at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Madge Gill presided.

**British Tunisian Society**

Mr Ted Leadbitter, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary Anglo-Tunisian Group, was host and chairman of a meeting given at the House of Commons yesterday evening by the British Tunisian Society. The Tunisian Ambassador introduced the speakers, Mr Francis Ghiles, Mr George Joffe and Mr Alex Kirby.

## Dinners

**Parliamentary Information Technology Committee**

Mr Ian Lloyd, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary Information Technology Committee, was host at a dinner held last night at the Royal Horseguards Hotel. Sir Kenneth Corfield was the principal guest.

**West London Law Society**

Mr Mahmud Nadeem, President of the West London Law Society, presided at the silver jubilee dinner held last night at the RAF Club. Mr Lloyd Groves, Vice-President, also spoke. The guests included:

Lord Avebury, Mr David Steel, MP, Mr Mansoor Alam, Mr Arthur Hoole, President of the Law Society, Mr Clive Soley, MP, Mr John Wheeler, MP, and Mr Martin Stevens, MP.

## Memorial service

**The Hon Mrs E. de Bellaigue**

A memorial service for the Hon Mrs Eric de Bellaigue was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church. The Rev William Gibbs and the Rev. C. E. Leighton Thomson took part in the service and the lesson was read by Lord Rodney, brother. Among those present were:

Mr Eric de Bellaigue (husband), Mr Nicholas Bellaigue and Mr Christopher Bellaigue (sons), Lady Rodney (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Geoffrey de Bellaigue (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs W Ladd (mother-in-law), the Hon George Rodney, the Hon Anne Rodney.

Viscount and Viscountess Combermere, the Right H R and the Hon Mrs Gough, Lord and Lady Farnham, Lord and Lady Swansea, Mr Julian Amery, MP, and Lady Catherine Amery, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs Jesson, the Hon Mrs Humphreys, the Hon Mrs J Drummond the Hon Mrs D de Laszlo, Lady Lewthwaite, Lady Baker Wilbraham, Lady Thomas, Lady Garnet.

Baronesse de Gertachi, Mrs Michael Wall, Miss K Lewthwaite, Mr and Mrs Simon Scrope, Mr David Gibbs, Mrs Frank Taylor, Mr and Mrs David Huxley, Mr and Mrs John Rodney, Mr and Mrs Robert Hardy, Miss Esther Ross, Mrs T Fletcher, Mr and Mrs Gordon Macpherson, Mr and Mrs Henry Hely-Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs Peter Lord, Mr Peter Rodney, Miss Laura Buchanan, Mr R F Simonds, Miss Harriet Maxwell, Mr and Mrs Temple Richards, Mr E M Spencer (representing Wellesley House School, Bridgstairs), Mr and Mrs Michael Bryan, Miss Elizabeth Amery, Mr Leopold Amery, Mr William Legard.

Mrs D Kopek, Mr Alan McCluskra, Mr and Mrs L Phillips, Mrs Robert Prior, Miss G Quilt, Mrs Victoria Grand, Mr James Grand, Miss Olivia Temple Richards, Miss C Galbraith, Mrs S du Roy, Mrs P Garnett, Mr Charles Garnett, Mrs M Gunner, Mrs C Lloyd-Jones, Miss Vanessa Lloyd Jones, Mr Gareth Lloyd Jones, Mr and Mrs Michael Elwes, Mrs David Sutherland, Mrs D Pearce, Mr and Mrs Terry Simmons, Mr Dennis Foot, Mr David Mitchell.

## Cranwell graduations

Air Vice-Marshal R I Stuart-Paul, Air Officer Commanding Training Units, RAF Support Command, was the reviewing officer when 117 officers of No 82 initial officer training course graduated from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell. The Flying Training School, Cranwell provided the fly-past.

Prize winners

Sword of merit: Pilot Officer R J T Hemsley, BA; Sash of merit: Pilot Officer V A Lance, WRAF; Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial prize: Flying Officer J Taylor; British Aircraft Corporation Trophy: Flying Officer R W Skedd, BSc.

Graduating officers

General duties branch (pilot):
Flying Officers P J Cantwell BSc; J C Holt BSc; N L Jones BSc; M S Jones BSc; P G Kemp BSc; D E Lancaster BSc; P W Leach BSc; J C Light BSc; T A Marshall BSc; J A Pilling BSc; R T Seymour-Jackson BA; R W Skedd BSc; G W Williams BSc; A Coll.
Pilot Officers S D Atha BSc; C A Carter BSc; P T Cousins BSc; R A De Savigny-Bower BSc; W A Hinmers BSc; A W Lay BSc; P G McGrath BSc; A I McRobbie MA; T R Price BSc; L P L Smith BSc; P F Taylor BA; D T Trott BSc; D T Turnbull BSc.
Acting Pilot Officers R P Austin; S Bell; G J Blount; P A Brewer; D G Cooper; A R Curtis; A P Day; S C Faulkner; B J Hiscox; M S Jaspet; P R Jones; G B Lloe; A B Lovell; A C Otter; M W Ruddock; J Saunders; A S Willis; S Wilson; P N Wilson.

General duties branch (navigator):
Flying Officers S J Boyle BSc; G Bruce BSc; Pilot officers G S S Magee BSc; M A Quinlan BSc; P A Storey BSc; Acting Pilot Officers N J Crennell; S C Green; P J Masson.
General duties branch (air electronics officer):
Flying Officer R P Richards.
General duties branch (photographic interpreter):
Pilot Officer P A Fletcher BA, MSc.
General duties branch (ground) – fighter control:
Flying officers G J Gibson; P N Gilbert; Pilot Officers R J T Hemsley BA; A A Hill BSc, PhD; C J Simpson BSc, WRAF; Acting Pilot Officers J A Davies WRAF; C G Totten; R G Turner.
General duties branch (ground) – air traffic control:
Flying Officer P J Baptiste; Pilot Officers D Mason BSc; I C Ripperger BSc, WRAF; Acting Pilot Officers S G Strong WRAF; M J Wrenn.
Engineer branch:
Flying Officers D R J Barnes BSc; G Craig; P F Forrest BSc; G Ham; C M Henwood BSc.

Flying Officers: A Land, I T Lucas; D H Milner; P Rigby; G Robertson, E Roughsedge; G W Smith; R M J Spencer; J Taylor; S K Wilby; Pilot Officers: M R Gilbert; C McMillan BSc; S J Perkins BSc; W P D Taylor.
Supply branch:
Pilot Officers: C P Borrill BSc; V R Lance WRAF; J M Pearson BSc; Acting Pilot Officers: J M H Harrington; C J Huddleston.
Administrative Branch (secretarial): Flying Officers: N P J Fairfax BA; J Greenway; R J Mullip; Acting Pilot Officer: J D Barron.
Administrative branch (education):
Flying Officers: M R Everett BEd; S R Geach; E J C Newton BA, WRAF; J Pearce BSc, WRAF; W J E Wells BA; Pilot Officer J S Sanderson BA, WRAF.
Administrative branch (catering):
Flying Officer: C R Sames.
Administrative Branch (Physical Education):
Flight Lieutenant: L J Sludds BEd; Pilot Officer: D M Smith BA.
Security branch (Regiment):
Flying Officer: D J Bainbridge BSc; Pilot Officers: A Gilroy BA; T C Hayworth BSc; Acting Pilot Officers: D S W Bradbeer; J Crowther; M Hennessy; R Plant; P D Smith; I S Todd.
Foreign and Commonwealth
Royal Brunei Armed Forces
Pilot
2nd Lieutenants: M B H Apong and M A H M Hussain.



**Children outside the Commonwealth Institute in London preparing to release gas-filled balloons to celebrate Commonwealth Day yesterday. About 800 youngsters heard Mr Peter Brooke, MP, welcome them to the day of activities (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).**

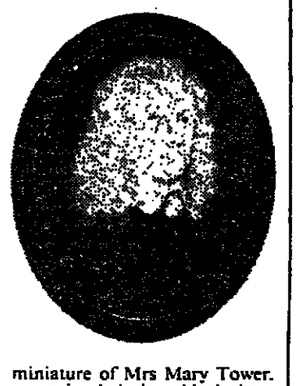
# 'Tedious' miniature fetches £8,000

**By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent**

A portrait miniature painted by a seventeenth-century artist whose work is so rare that no one knows whether he was a professional or an amateur turned up at Sotheby's yesterday and sold for £8,800 (estimate £5,000-£7,000).

Matthew Snelling (1621-1678) was the son of a mayor of King's Lynn. He was probably a well-to-do man who painted only for his own diversion and is also recorded as a picture collector.

This miniature depicts a young man with blond hair soberly dressed in black with a white lawn collar. It is delicately painted in a style that echoes both Hoskins and Samuel Cooper, his better-known contemporaries.



Its previous owner considered a man in a black jacket so tedious a subject that she did not bother to include it in a parcel of miniatures she took to Sotheby's.

The other miniatures were almost of modest value but she described the tedious gentleman in black to Sotheby's expert, Mr Richard Allen, who urged her to bring it along.

The top price in the sale was £13,750 for a miniature of a Dutch nobleman painted by Alexander Cooper about 1630, underlining the strength of the market of early English miniatures.

Among the surprises was a very high price for a Victorian miniature of Mrs Mary Tower, a pensive lady in a black dress with a landscape background, painted by Reginald Easton about 1860. It made £935 (estimate £400-£500).

The continental miniatures, which are usually sold in Geneva, were proving that they could make just as high prices in London. A circular depiction of a coach arriving at a chateau by Van Blarenberghe, measuring only two inches across and dating from 1782, made £2,420 (estimate £800-£1,200).

The sale also included a section of fans. The good ones were in strong demand and all sold to private collectors. A fan made by the Duvelleroy, the famous Parisian firm, in 1869 scored the top price at £3,300 (estimate £800-£1,200).

## Luncheon

**Royal College of Pathologists**

The President of the Royal College of Pathologists, Professor Barbara Clayton, gave a luncheon yesterday on the occasion of the presentation to the college by Mr P. Price, a director of Edward Arnold, Publishers, of the seventh edition of Topley and Wilson's *Principles of Bacteriology, Virology and Immunity*. The other guests were:

Professor J Banatvala, Sir John Dacie, Professor P M Daniel, Professor F V Flynn, Sir Ashley Miles, Dr M T Parker, Professor J D Williams, Sir Graham Wilson, who, since 1928, has been a chief contributor to all seven editions, and Professor H I Winner.

Sir Ashley Miles and Sir Graham Wilson are honorary fellows of the college.

## Birthdays today

Sir Antony Acland, 55; Dr Giovanni Agnelli, 64; Mr R. I. J. Agnew, 51; Mr Edward Albee, 57; Mr R. E. Alley, 59; Mr Willie Duggan, 35; Mr John Gross, 50; Sir James McKay, 73; Mr David Mellor, 36; Miss Liza Minnelli, 39; the Hon Roland Moyle, 57; Mr Patrick Procktor, 49; Miss Googie Withers, 68.

## Latest appointments

The Metropolitan Police have announced the following appointments:

Assistant commissioners:
Mr G. J. Dear will assume responsibility for territorial operations; Mr J. A. Dellow, specialist operations; Mr G. D. McLean, personnel and training; Mr C. B. J. Sutton, management support.

Other appointments:
Lady Wagner to be President of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS). She succeeds the Hon Peter Brooke, MP. Mr Richard Walker, director of music at The Leys School, to be director of music at Harrow School from September.

## Imperial Cancer Research Fund Ball

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund Ball will be held on Thursday, March 28, 1985, at the Park Lane Hotel, London, W1. Double tickets at £50 are available from Miss H. Johnston; telephone (01) 404 0330 (day) or (01) 802 4637 (evenings).

## Science report

# Enzymes that mature cheese faster

**By Stephen Young**

**The lengthy ripening process whereby a cheddar cheese is brought to the peak of perfection may seem an indispensable part of the cheese-maker's art. But scientists are devising ways of hastening that process without unwanted side-effects.**

**The time taken for a cheese to mature may be halved by adding chemicals of biological origin called enzymes, whose job is to break down proteins in the cheese and so speed the process of ripening.**

**But two problems arise if the enzymes are added before the separation of curds and whey. First, valuable enzymes are lost into the whey, in a form that renders the whey unsuitable for use in other products. Second, enzymatic action begins too quickly and lowers the eventual yield of cheese.**

**Barry Law and Joseph King, of the National Institute for Research in Dairying at Reading, reasoned that what was needed was a method by which the enzyme could be released in a controlled and targeted fashion. Their solution was to make miniature packets of enzyme designed to emit their contents at just the right moment, which in the cheese's case is after pressing.**

**In order to construct such packets, the researchers exploited the natural tendency of certain fatty substances to form a spherical coat around a minute droplet of water. They used two fatty compounds found in the membranes of human cells.**

**By shaking those substances under carefully controlled conditions with a solution of the enzyme, the scientists were able to produce tiny droplets with diameters in the region of two thousandths of a millimetre.**

**They tested those enzyme-filled globules by incorporating them into small cheeses made in the laborory. The technique produced the disired effect. No premature breakdown of proteins occured at the stage before pressing, yet the enzyme was eventually released into the cheese, where it speeded the ripening process.**

**Exactly how the droplets give up their contents is not yet understood. They may be disrupted by exposure to the salt solution used to treat the cheese, or eroded by chemicals in the cheese.**

**The method of controlled release of enzymes may find other application in the food-processing industry, where enzymes have to be confined to particular regions of a product, or where enzymes that are susceptible to chemical breakdown have to be shielded from attack.**

Source: *Journal of Dairy Research*, Vol 52, p 183.

# University news

**Oxford**

Dr Christopher White, director of studies at the Paul Mellon Centre for studies in British Art, London, succeeds Sir David Piper as Director of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, from October 1.

**Elections**

CHRISTCHURCH: P M Ratoff MA, Phd, has been elected to a lectureship in physics.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: D J T Vaux, D.Phil, BM, BCh, MA, Corpus Christi College, A Radcliffe travelling fellowship for two years from March 20.
Weir junior research fellowship (biochemistry) from October 1 1985: R B Parsaik, BA, Usher-Cunningham scholar of Exeter College and formerly scholar of University College.

WOLFSON COLLEGE:
Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, has been elected to the presidency of the college, in succession to Sir Henry Fisher.

BRASENOSE COLLEGE
Edward White Bate junior research fellowship: I C Cuthill, BA (Cantab) from October 1.
EXETER COLLEGE
To an organ scholarship: J E C Henderson, Sherborne School.

ORIEL COLLEGE
Honorary fellowship: Mr William Donaldson Clark, formerly Vice-President of the World Bank and commoner of the college.

**Appointments**

TESTS COLLEGE
Visiting senior research fellowship: Professor P R Grant, BA, PhD, of the University of Michigan, Hilary and Trinity terms, 1986.
Junior research fellowships from October 1: N J B Green, BA, DPhil, Jesus College, Oxford (Chemistry), and G T Cuthill, BA, PhD, Corpus Christi, Cambridge (History).
ST HILDA'S COLLEGE
Tutorship in modern history and official fellowship from October 1: Mrs Jenny Wormald, MA, PhD (Glasgow).

**Prize**

St John's College Lovell White and King prize in law for 1985 has been awarded to M N R Evans; proxime accesit, A J N Coats.

**Cambridge**

**Elections**

Official fellows: K Johnstone, PhD, to an official fellowship and college lectureship in biochemistry from January 1; D Cebon BE(Mech) to an official fellowship and college lectureship in engineering from February 1; A Jackson, MA, PhD, to an official fellowship and college lectureship in earth sciences from October 1.
Research fellows: S P Wade, BA, Queens' College, from October 1; Marissa V McEvoy, MA, Christ's College, from October 1.
Fellow commoners: Dr J H Dawson, MA MB, B Chir, PhD, Queens' College, university lecturer honorary consultant in psychiatry, from January 1; Dr D W Evans, MA, MD, Queens' College, consultant cardiologist, from January 1; Mr P G Watson, MA, MB, B Chir, Queens' College, consultant opthalmic surgeon, from January 1.

**Newcastle**

Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following in May:
DCL: Mr John Edward Moffitt, farmer and businessman.
DSc: Professor Colin Stephenson Pittendrigh, professor of biology at Stanford University, US.
DEng: Mr George Russell, Director and Chief Executive, British Alcan Aluminium.
DLitt: Miss Jean Elizabeth Muir, designer; Professor and Sir Randolph Quirk, Vice-Chancellor of London University.
MA: Mr James Henry Deriyer, Director, Newcastle Airport.

**Liverpool**

**Grants**

Science and Engineering Research Council: £96,540 to Mr C P Walker and Professor J F Norbury for a study of the optimisation of turbulence generation for lean burn high compression gasoline engines.
Medical Research Council: £55,993 to Professor O H Petersen for patch-clamp studies on chloride channels controlled by neurotransmitters and hormones in exocrine gland cells.
Department of Health and Social Security: £113,744 to Professor J R M Copeland for an evaluation of Homely Care district experimental schemes for the elderly mentally ill.

**UMIST**

**Grants**

Medical Research Council: £84,417 to Dr J E Hyde to study the gene for dehydrofolate Reductase from the human malaria parasite, Plasmodium falciparum.
European Economic Community: £82,042 to Professor M G Singh for the development of techniques for fault detection in complex systems (joint project with the Technical Universities of Munich and Patras); £62,500 to Mr R L Johnson for completion of the Euratra software specifications (joint project with the University of Utrecht and Geneva).
Science and Engineering Research Council: £83,839 to Dr J F Alder to study 40 GHz scalar network analyser for microwave spectrometric analysis and spectrometer design; £57,940 to Dr A Newton, to research composite materials reinforced with 3-D woven fabrics.
Natural Environment Research Council: £91,000 to Professor J Latham to study the effect of altitude and occult precipitation on acid deposition.
Rolls-Royce: £74,174 to Dr R Taylor to study property relationships in plasma sprayed zirconia yttria alloys.

**Wales**

**Grants to the University of Wales College of Medicine**

Wellcome Trust: £87,458 to Professor Hall as two-year extension for production, characterization and use of human monoclonal antithyroid antibodies; £100,000 to Professor Roberts to support the appointment of a clinical lecturer.
Wolfson Foundation: £136,000 to Professor Harper, three years in support of gene mapping and inherited disorders; £50,000 to Dr I Matthews and Mr A Samuel in support of the elimination of ethylene oxide.
Medical Research Council: £59,840 to Dr M P Scanlon, in support of a study of central and peripheral factors in the control of growth hormone-releasing factor in vitro; £49,202 to Professor Elder, Dr N Kalsheker, Department of Medical Biochemistry and Dr P R Harrison, in support of a study to cloning of the gene for human porphobilinogen (PBG) deaminase (hydroxmethylbilane synthase).

**UWIST**

**Grant**

Science and Engineering Research Council: £81,687 to Professor Dr Towill, of the department of mechanical engineering and engineering production, to investigate improved manufacturing systems design via industrial dynamics models.

**East Anglia**

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following:
MusD: Sir Colin Davis, the conductor.
DCL: Colonel Geoffrey Dicker, prochancellor designate of the university.
ScD: Sir Andrew Huxley, FRS, President of the Royal Society and Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.
LittD: Professor Le Roy Ladurie, professor of history, and Mrs Doris Lessing the novelist.
MA: Mr Hubert Mitchell, senior county drama adviser for Norfolk until 1982.
Dr Shirley A. Barlow, senior lecturer in classics, has been elected Master of Eliot College from April 23, in succession to Mr D. Taylor.

**Exeter**

Dr A. A. Al-Azmeh, research fellow in the Centre for Arab Gulf Studies, Exeter University, has been appointed to the Sharjah chair of Islamic studies from January 1.

**Lancaster**

**Appointments**

Senior lecturerships: Biological sciences: Dr W J Davies and Dr J A Nieuwenhuijsen; chemistry: Dr J R Ebdon; educational research: Dr D R McNamara; English literature: Dr M D Wheeler; marketing: Dr G Easton; physics: Dr J K Wigmore; politics: Mr H M W Hopfl; theatre studies: Mr K M Sturges.
Lecturerships:
Dr D P Barton and Dr E J Briscoe (linguistics and modern English language); Mr C N Hewitt (atmospheric chemistry); Mr S M Bloxham (law).

**Leicester**

Two members of the geology department have been awarded a senior medal by the Geological Society of London. Dr John Hudson received the Lyell medal and Professor Brian Windley the Murchison medal.

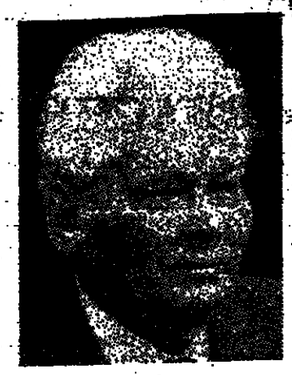
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# OBITUARY

## MR KONSTANTIN CHERNENKO

### Interim leader of Sovie Union



Mr Konstantin Chernenko, who was elected General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in February 1984 when he was already 72 and chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, or head of state, less than two months later, died on March 10 at the age of 73.

As General Secretary, Chernenko received a great deal of publicity in the Soviet mass media from the very outset of his leadership. Statements were issued in his name and he was frequently quoted in newspaper articles. He was also elected chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet in record time, though that was probably no more than decisive confirmation of the recent convention that the headship of state now goes with the party leadership.

His actual political power, however, did not appear to be fully commensurate with his formal authority. His advanced age by the time he reached the top of the Soviet hierarchy and the evidence that he was already in indifferent health meant that he was unable to put his individual stamp on Soviet policies. These continued to be determined collectively, and in the absence of a strong lead from the top, they did not provide any new initiatives in foreign policy or any reform at home, other than the decision to reopen arms talks with the United States in Geneva this month and implementation of an educational reform which had begun under Yuri Andropov. Chernenko's predecessor, and the continuation of selective economic experiments which had also got under way during Andropov's brief general secretaryship.

Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko was a Russian of Siberian (and probably Ukrainian) ancestry who was born on September 24, 1911, in what is now Novoselovo in the Krasnoyarsk region of the Soviet Union. His parents were peasants and his early education was limited, though he later attended the Higher Party School in Moscow and, through part-time study, received a qualification from the Kishinev Pedagogical Institute in Moldavia in 1953 (by which time Chernenko was a prominent party official within that Soviet republic).

Chernenko, who joined the Communist Party in 1931, spent three years in the border guards from 1930 until 1933 and then a further eight in ideological work in his native region of Krasnoyarsk where, in 1941, he became a member of the secretariat of the regional party committee. He was, surprisingly, not involved in military service during the Second World War, the last two years of which he spent at the Higher Party School in Moscow, and in 1945 he was sent to the Penza region as the secretary responsible for ideology within the regional party committee.

The decisively fortunate move for Chernenko came in 1948 when he was sent to Moldavia where he became head of the propaganda and agitation department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Moldavia. His good fortune lay in the fact that Leonid Brezhnev arrived in Moldavia in 1950 as first secretary of the party for that republic, and established such good relations with Chernenko that henceforth he became his patron and transformed the career prospects of a man of less than outstanding ability who had seemed destined to a life of hack propaganda work in the provinces.

Brezhnev worked in Moldavia only until 1952, but when his major promotion came in 1956 – in that year Khrushchev made him a Secretary of the Central Committee in Moscow – Chernenko was an early beneficiary of Brezhnev's enhanced authority. After six years in charge of propaganda and agitation in Moldavia, he became a sector head (in charge of "mass agitation work") in the Department of Propaganda and Agitation of the Central Committee in Moscow. Though he was working in a different department of the Central Committee from that which Brezhnev ran, it can hardly be doubted that it was on Brezhnev's recommendation that he was brought into the all-Union Central Committee apparatus.

The connexion was underlined when Brezhnev became Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, in 1960. Chernenko followed him to the Supreme Soviet as head of the Presidium's Secretariat. He was thus, in a sense, Brezhnev's chief clerk.

This was a position he resumed at a still higher level within a year of Brezhnev's succeeding Khrushchev as party leader in 1964. In 1965 Brezhnev appointed Chernenko head of the General Department of the party Central Committee. The head of the General Department is in a position analogous to the Secretary to the Cabinet within the British system. The General Department serves as a secretariat for the Politburo and is the filter through which papers for the Politburo have to pass, but the head of that department works especially closely with the General Secretary of the party.

In 1966 Chernenko became a candidate member of the Central Committee and in 1971 a full member. During the greater part of Brezhnev's General Secretaryship, he was, however, very much a behind-the-scenes figure and did not play a part in the highest counsels of the party. Brezhnev, presumably, met with initial resistance to the further promotion of Chernenko, for it was only when he had thoroughly consolidated his position of power and was politically very strong – in the mid-1970s – that Chernenko was brought into the ranks of the party leadership. He became a Secretary of the Central Committee in 1976, a candidate member of the Politburo in 1977, and a full Politburo member in 1978.

From this time on Chernenko was a force to be reckoned with in the leadership. As a voting member of the Politburo and a Secretary of the Central Committee, he had a foothold in each of the party's two most powerful institutions. Furthermore, he was personally closer to Brezhnev than was any of his colleagues. He began for the first time to broaden his limited horizons. Beginning with the Helsinki conference of 1975, he started to accompany Brezhnev on visits abroad and was at his right hand at numerous meetings with foreign politicians, such as those he held each summer in the Crimea with East European leaders. He also accompanied Brezhnev to his summit meeting with President Carter in Vienna in 1979.

As Brezhnev's health declined, Chernenko's de facto power grew and it became clear that Brezhnev wished Chernenko to be his ultimate successor. Brezhnev, however, had no intention of making way for Chernenko before he had to and his death in November 1982 came suddenly, notwithstanding his long record of intermittent bad health. Chernenko had already lost an important political battle earlier that year when Yuri Andropov took the place of Mikhail Suslov in the Secretariat of the Central Committee after fifteen years away from the Secretariat, as Chairman of the KGB.

Chernenko did not match up to Andropov in terms either of ability or of foreign policy experience. He had, however, approximately as many supporters within the top leadership as Andropov and there was real rivalry between the two men. Chernenko's support came mainly from those who, like himself, owed everything to Brezhnev. Andropov had support from those who were not simply Brezhnev clients and who tended to be of greater ability. Among them, Ustinov, Gromyko and Gorbachev were especially important. Andropov's supporters also, in several cases, represented important institutional interests.

Chernenko, therefore, found himself in the position not of General Secretary but of being instructed by the Politburo to propose Andropov to the Central Committee as Brezhnev's successor in the General Secretaryship. In his speech of recommendation, he stated that the Politburo members knew that Andropov would adopt a "Brezhnevist style of leadership", though no doubt Chernenko feared that this would not be the case and that his own place within the new dispensation would be less authoritative and secure than it had been in the recent past.

If these were his fears, they appeared initially to have been justified. Chernenko kept his place in the Politburo and the Secretariat, but though he had become the Secretary of the Central Committee responsible for ideology, Andropov made the most important ideological pronouncements himself. Moreover, at the session of the Supreme Soviet on June 16, 1983, Chernenko once again had to propose Andropov for high office – this time for the chairmanship of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. His speech to the Supreme Soviet was notably more deferential towards Andropov than that in which he had proposed Andropov for the General Secretaryship in November of the previous year.

As Andropov's health declined, however, Chernenko regained some of the political strength he had lost. With Andropov in the last months of his life too ill to attend Politburo and Secretariat meetings, Chernenko evidently chaired the meetings in his stead. When Andropov died on February 9, 1984, Chernenko had enough support from Brezhnev appointees in the party leadership, whose security of tenure had been threatened by Andropov's efforts to rejuvenate and shake up the party and state apparatus, to enable him to brush aside the reservations of those who doubted the wisdom of appointing a septuagenarian to the top post in Soviet politics.

In the months which followed, Chernenko was accorded extensive favourable publicity on the Soviet mass media, and was rapidly accorded two other positions of authority which had been held by Brezhnev and Andropov before him. In the same month in which he became General Secretary it was made known that Chernenko was now chairman of the Defence Council and last two months after he succeeded Andropov as party leader he succeeded him also as head of state, being elected Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet on April 11.

Though Chernenko became the principal Soviet spokesman on foreign policy by virtue of his party leadership, and though some observers claimed to see an initial softening of the Soviet line in East-West relations as compared with the pronouncements of Andropov, there was little change of substance. Since Chernenko himself had only limited personal experience of foreign affairs, it seems likely that Soviet policy in this area continued to be determined collectively. By the time Chernenko became Soviet leader, Gromyko had already been Foreign Minister for 27 years and a member of the Politburo for over 10. His knowledge, experience and political standing almost certainly meant that he continued to exercise a rather greater personal influence in this area than Chernenko himself.

In his relations with the military, Chernenko had one striking success. Despite the fact that a number of Western observers had concluded that the armed forces were calling the tune in Soviet politics, the Soviet Chief of Staff and First Deputy Defence Minister, Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, was dismissed from these posts in early September 1984. Such a move could not have been made without Chernenko's consent and it may even have been on his initiative. Ogarkov had appeared to be closer to Andropov than to Chernenko, and was thought to have indicated the presence of the military for the former when Brezhnev died in November 1982. In newspaper articles and in his general demeanour, Ogarkov had been somewhat assertive, and his removal was a useful reminder that even if the party General Secretary had no military experience, the Army could not dictate to the party, and that it was the party leadership, with its control over appointments, which held the trump cards.

In domestic policy, Chernenko showed enthusiasm for the personnel change which had been pursued by Andropov. The Central Committee and Supreme Soviet sessions of April 1984 saw no changes made to the composition of the Politburo or the Secretariat of the Central Committee and virtually none to the Council of Ministers. Chernenko appeared to be following the policy of "stability of cadres" which had marked the General Secretaryship of his mentor, Leonid Brezhnev. There were also some early signs that he attached a lower priority to economic reform than his predecessor, Andropov. While not rejecting the various economic experiments already underway, his emphasis was on making change cautiously.

In the early months of Chernenko's general secretaryship it seemed to some observers in Moscow that the campaign against corruption which had begun under Andropov was being soft-pedalled under Chernenko. As time went by, however, it began to look as if some of the appointments made by Andropov (such as that of Fedorchuk to head the MVD) had helped to give the struggle against economic crime a momentum of its own. Though no further action was taken against the former head of the MVD, General Shcholokov, who had been dismissed from his job and expelled from the Central Committee under Andropov, the rumour that the corrupt head of Moscow's leading food store, Yuri Sokolov, who had been arrested for large scale economic corruption prior to Chernenko's succession, had been released from imprisonment (there he awaited the results of an appeal against the death sentence imposed on him) proved untrue. His execution was announced by *Izvestiya* on August 2, 1984.

It was in the summer of 1984 that signs of Chernenko's deteriorating health became more apparent. In mid-July, was announced that he had gone on holiday, and his next public appearance was not until September 5, when he presented awards to a group of Soviet cosmonauts. Chernenko's subsequent appearances were few and did not extinguish speculation about his health, for he appeared breathless and spoke with some difficulty. The first time he was seen on Soviet television was February 28, when, despite being obviously in extremely poor health, he was shown voting in the Supreme Soviet election, though not in a normal polling station.

Given Chernenko's age, disposition and the fact that he had been elected General Secretary by those who were worried by the pace of change introduced by Andropov, it was to be expected that his interim party leadership would be something of a holding operation, so it proved to be.

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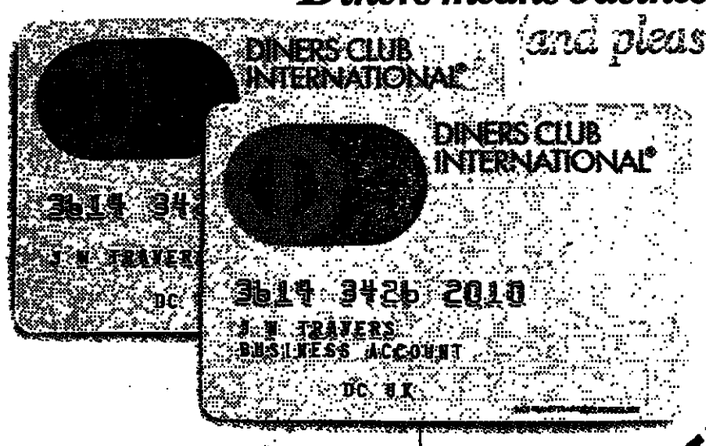
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| 473 | 338 | Hickson | 473 | | | 25.0 | 5.3 |
| 89 | 89 | Hoechst DM50 | 89 | | | | |
| 604 | 520 | Imp Chem Ind | 604 | | | 48.0 | 7.9 |
| 234 | 234 | Laporte | 428 | | | 16.0 | 3.7 |
| 113 | 91 | Leigh | 97 | | | 6.4 | 6.7 |
| 241 | 167 | Pilsu | 216 | | | 4.1 | 1.9 |
| 119 | 119 | Rentokil | 119 | | | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| 130 | 53 | SNIA BPD | 128 | | | | |
| 115 | 88 | Stewart Plastic | 104 | | | 9.6 | 9.2 |
| 298 | 129 | Watsonrolms Rink | 276 | | | 9.6 | 3.5 |
| 81 | 68 | Yorkshire Chem | 79 | | | 1.8e | 13 |

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| 156 | 156 | Anglia TV 'A' | 156 | | | 11.4 | 7.6 |
| 114 | 88 | Grampian | 114 | | | 7.6 | 7.5 |
| 199 | 199 | HTV N/V | 199 | | | 10.7 | 7.2 |
| 301 | 182 | LWT 'A' | 243 | | | | |
| 199 | 164 | Scot TV 'A' | 156 | | | 11.9 | 7.7 |
| 199 | 78 | TVS N/V | 136 | | | 8.6 | 9.4 |
| 97 | 34 | TSW | 39 | | | 2.1 | 7.3 |

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| 430 | 282 | ASR | 360 | | | 10.4 | 2.9 |
| 137 | 82 | Aquascutum 'A' | | | | | |
| 129 | 81 | Beattie (James) 'A' | 129 | | | 2.6 | 5.1 |
| 281 | 161 | Bentalls | 281 | | | 9.0 | 5.1 |
| 270 | 190 | Bremner | 270 | | | 9.0 | 5.1 |
| 474 | 211 | Br Home Stores | 474 | | | 9.3 | 2.1 |
| | | Caird (A) &Sons | | | | | |
| 555 | 388 | Cantors 'A' | 503 | | | 15.7 | 3.1 |
| 117 | 47 | Corded (S) | 47 | | | 2.6 | 5.6 |
| 140 | 98 | Church | 503 | | | 15.7 | 3.1 |
| 115 | 47 | Combined English | 115 | | | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| 118 | 47 | Courts (Furn) 'A' | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 141 | 141 | Debenhams | 141 | | | 11.1 | 7.9 |
| 115 | 81 | Dewhirst (J) | 115 | | | 6.0 | 5.2 |
| 288 | 288 | Dixons | 288 | | | 14.0 | 4.9 |
| 84 | 84 | Dunhill | 84 | | | 5.0 | 5.9 |
| 410 | 288 | Ellis & Goldstein | 410 | | | 10.7 | 2.6 |
| 410 | 288 | Elys (Wimbledon) | 410 | | | 10.7 | 2.6 |
| 114 | 114 | Empire Stores | 114 | | | 7.0 | 6.1 |
| 148 | 115 | Etam | 148 | | | 6.0 | 4.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Fenwicks Clothes | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Fine Art Dev | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Ford (Sterley) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Germaine Ter | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 228 | 228 | Foster Bros | 228 | | | 12.0 | 5.1 |
| 184 | 184 | Freemans | 184 | | | 9.6 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Galen (AJ) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 210 | 210 | Gold Sht | 210 | | | 10.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Goldberg (A) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Goldsmiths Dp | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Grattan | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Greenfield Stocks | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | GUS | | | | | |
| 118 | 118 | Do 'A' | | | | | |
| 118 | 118 | Heated Mothercare | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Herrls Queensway | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Hitchens Of London | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Hepworth (J) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Holt | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Home Charm | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | House Of Fraser | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | House Of Lerose | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Jones (Ernest) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Ladies Pride | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Lee Cooper | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Liberty | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Lincroft (Gpour | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Marks & Spencer | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Mayfair (John) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Mill | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Moss Bros | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | NSS Newsagents | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Oliver (B) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Owen Owen | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Parkins Stores | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Prouty (Alfred) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Reiners (Jewellers) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Rohdock | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Rosebud | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Read (Austin) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | S & U Stores | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Samuel (H) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
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| 118 | 118 | Selcourt | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Simpson (S) 'A' | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Smith (WH) 'A' | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Do 'B' | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Stanley (AG) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Stenbors | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Stanley Clothes | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Sutherland Stores | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Tom-Consultate | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Time Products | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Timpson (Ryelle | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | WW Group | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Ward Wm | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Waring & Gillow | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Wigfall (Henry) | 118 | | | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Woolworth | 118 | | +15 | 13.6 | 2.2 |

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| 388 | 371 | AB Elect | 387 | | | 8.6 | 2.1 |
| 121½ | 84 | Alsatsad | 84 | | | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| 165 | 240 | Arlec Elec | 240 | | | | |
| 240 | 240 | Atlantic Comp | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | Audio Fidelity | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | Auto Sec | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
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| 240 | 240 | Brentford | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | Brightpoint | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | Br Telecom 50p P | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | Brown Boveri Kest | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | Bulgin (AF) 'A' | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | CMB | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | Cable & Wireless | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 240 | 240 | Cambridge Elec | 240 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |

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| 136 | | Glaxo | 136 | | | | 8.2 |
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| 228 | 228 | Grey Elect | 228 | | | 5.5 | 2.5 |
| 188 | 188 | Crystalate | 188 | | | 5.5 | 2.5 |
| 72 | 72 | Dale Elect | 72 | | | 5.4 | 6.8 |
| 137 | 137 | Delaney | 137 | | | 7.5 | 5.5 |
| 24 | 24 | Dewhurst 'A' | 24 | | | 1.5 | 4.5 |
| 173 | 173 | Dowding & Mills | 173 | | | 9.5 | 4.6 |
| 178 | 178 | Dublier | 178 | | | 8.4 | 4.8 |
| 41 | 41 | Electrocomponents | 41 | | | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| 41 | 41 | Electronic Mach | 41 | | | 1.0 | 2.4 |
| 44 | 44 | Electronic Rentals | 44 | | | 4.5 | 2.5 |
| 225 | 225 | Emess Lighting | 225 | | | 6.4 | 2.8 |
| 182 | 182 | Energy Serv | 182 | | | 12.7 | 2.5 |
| 57 | 57 | Ferodomit | 57 | | | 5.7 | 2.5 |
| 182 | 182 | Ferranti Elect | 182 | | | 8.4 | 2.4 |
| 14 | 14 | Fermanit | 14 | | | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| 118 | 118 | First Castle Elec | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Forward Tech | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 228 | 228 | GEC | 228 | | | 8.5 | 2.5 |
| 118 | 118 | Gravenor | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Highland Elect | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Hl Signal & Control | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Impex Elect | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Kode | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Lec Refrigeration | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Legros | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Lec Elect | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Measac | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Micro Bit | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Micro Focus | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Multihead | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Multitone Elec | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Murray Elect | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Normalair | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Nsworth (Leslie) | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | NEI | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Oceanic | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Oxford Instruments | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
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| 118 | 118 | Philcom | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Philips Fin 5½% | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Philips Lamps N/V | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Pilco | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Do 'A' Ltd Voting | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Plessey | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Do ADR 25 | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Pressac | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Quest Automation | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Racal Elect | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Resource-Tech | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Rotork | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Scholes (KH) | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Sound Diffusion | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | STC | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Suter | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | System Designers | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | TDK | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Telephone Rentals | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Thorn EMI | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Thorpe (FW) | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Tunnel Telecom | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Ultra | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Unitech | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Utd Leasing | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Utd Scientific | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | VG Instruments | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Volex | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Western Selection | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Wolfenden Elec | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 118 | Wholesale Fitting | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |

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| 334 | 288 | Abbeycrest | 334 | | -6 | 1.8 | 6.8 |
| 193 | 128 | Allen Harvey | 193 | | | 10.0 | 5.8 |
| 138 | 72 | Antofagasta | 138 | | | 15.0 | 5.7 |
| 138 | 72 | Barlow Hldgs | 138 | | +11 | 6.9 | 5.5 |
| 151 | 151 | Berkeley Tech | 151 | | | | |
| 224 | 224 | Bradford | 224 | | | 12.0b | 5.8 |
| 90 | 90 | Canterbury | 90 | | | 1.4e | 2.4 |
| 148 | 148 | Hambro | 148 | | | 9.5 | 6.4 |
| 89 | 89 | Henry Sims | 89 | | | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| 139 | 74 | Midkelle | 139 | | -13 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| 136 | 105 | Park Place | 136 | | | 8.5 | 4.9 |

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| 36 | 16 | Alpine Drinks | 19 | | | 2.5 | 13.5 |
| 268 | 142 | Apgar | 268 | | | 7.8 | 3.0 |
| 224 | 142 | AB Food | 224 | | | 7.3 | 3.3 |
| 194 | 194 | Associ Dairies | 194 | | | 9.7 | 5.4 |
| 421 | 417 | Assoc Fisheries | 421 | | | 9.9 | 3.9 |
| 222 | 178 | Avana | 804 | | | 14.5 | 2.4 |
| 178 | 178 | Banks (Gilroy C) | 210 | | | 12.1 | 5.8 |
| 95 | 75 | Barker & Dobson | 95 | | | 6.4 | 7.5 |
| 288 | 200 | Barr (AG) | 288 | | | 10.7 | 5.3 |
| 178 | 178 | Bassett Foods | 178 | | | 9.6 | 5.5 |
| 75 | 75 | Bellays Of Yorks | 75 | | | 7.1 | 9.3 |
| 152 | 152 | Bibby | 152 | | | 3.6 | 2.4 |
| 178 | 178 | Bluebird Conf | 178 | | | 7.1 | 9.3 |
| 152 | 152 | Br Vending (BVI) | 152 | | | 1.5 | 2.9 |
| 154 | 154 | Cadbury Schwepp | 154 | | | 7.7 | 5.0 |
| 135 | 115 | Cams (Wilfrid) | 135 | | | 7.8 | 5.7 |
| 135 | 115 | Cliffords Dairies | 135 | | | 8.5 | 6.3 |
| 119 | 119 | Do 'A' | 119 | | | 8.5 | 7.2 |
| 200 | 200 | Cubana | 200 | | | | |
| 128 | 128 | Dee | 128 | | | 8.2 | 4.1 |
| 128 | 128 | Fisher (Albert) | 128 | | | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| 186 | 146 | Fitch Lovell | 186 | | | 10.9 | 7.1 |
| 186 | 186 | Glenlivet | 186 | | | 4.9b | 3.9 |
| 90 | 70 | Global Gp | 90 | | | 3.2 | 3.7 |
| 211 | 211 | Hazlewood Foods | 211 | | | 17.5 | 1.8 |
| 322 | 322 | Hillards | 322 | | | 7.2 | 3.2 |
| 176 | 176 | Home Farm | 176 | | | 4.5 | 7.4 |
| 103 | 79 | Kenwood Knox | 103 | | | | |
| 176 | 176 | Knit Save | 176 | | | | |
| 103 | 79 | Lees (John J) | 103 | | | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| 95 | 95 | Liptons (Sir) | 95 | | | 5.8 | 3.1 |
| 314 | 314 | Low (Wm) | 314 | | | 14.9 | 2.5 |
| 350 | 157 | Matthews (Bernard) | 350 | | | 9.3 | 3.1 |
| 288 | 288 | Maynards | 288 | | | 14.4 | 5.5 |
| 78 | 78 | Metal Trade Supp | 78 | | | 7.5 | 5.8 |
| 202 | 142 | Morrison (W) | 202 | | | 2.6 | 1.3 |
| 1499 | 1499 | Nabisco Brands | 1499 | | | | |
| 182 | 182 | Nesbitts | 182 | | | 6.6 | 5.9 |
| 172 | 172 | Nichols (JH) (Vimto) | 172 | | | 9.2 | 5.3 |
| 74 | 74 | Normans | 74 | | | 2.4 | 3.2 |
| 238 | 238 | Nthn Foods | 238 | | | 9.6 | 4.1 |
| 172 | 172 | Nurdin & Peacock | 172 | | | 6.6 | 3.2 |
| 186 | 186 | Park Foods | 186 | | | 6.2 | 4.4 |
| 142 | 142 | RHM | 142 | | | 6.2 | 4.4 |
| 380 | 380 | Rowntree Mac | 380 | | | 14.5 | 3.8 |
| 288 | 288 | Scottish Cp (J) | 288 | | | 5.8 | 3.5 |
| 214 | 214 | Sosportex | 214 | | | 14.4 | 6.9 |
| 459 | 459 | Tate & Lyle | 459 | | | 27.1 | 6.0 |
| 220 | 220 | Tesco | 220 | | | 6.2 | 2.7 |
| 142 | 142 | Unigate | 142 | | | 11.1 | 7.1 |
| 188 | 188 | Utd Biscuits | 188 | | | 10.0 | 5.1 |
| 91 | 91 | Watson & Philip | 91 | | | 7.1 | 7.8 |

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| 288 | 288 | Grand Met | 288 | | | 13.1 | 4.6 |
| 281 | 174 | Kennedy Brookes | 281 | | -1 | 8.8 | 5.7 |
| 248 | 182 | Ladbroke | 248 | | | 14.2 | 5.7 |
| 360 | 175 | Lon Park Hotels | 360 | | | 10.5 | 2.9 |
| 505 | 505 | Mount Charlotte | 505 | | | 17 | 2.6 |
| 132 | 132 | Prest Of W Hotels | 132 | | | 6.0 | 4.5 |
| 65 | 65 | Queens Moat | 65 | | | 1.9 | 3.5 |
| 391 | 391 | Savoy Hotels 'A' | 391 | | | 9.0 | 2.4 |
| 168 | 168 | Stakis | 168 | | | 6.5 | 3.9 |
| 156 | 94 | Trusthouse Forte | 156 | | | 6.5 | 4.3 |

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| 294 | 294 | AGB Research | 294 | | | 8.7 | 3.6 |
| 281 | 281 | ASM | 281 | | | 7.5 | 3.6 |
| 246 | 246 | APV | 246 | | | 16.1 | 6.5 |
| 116 | 116 | Aaronson | 116 | | | 6.9 | 6.3 |
| 78 | 78 | Advest | 78 | | | 7.5 | 9.6 |
| 105 | 78 | Amber Ind | 105 | | | 7.9 | 7.5 |
| 17 | 17 | Appledore | 17 | | | 1.5 | 8.5 |
| 118 | 118 | Applied Comp Tech | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 412 | 412 | Arenson | 412 | | | 22.6 | 6.9 |
| 12 | 12 | Armour | 12 | | | | |
| 415 | 415 | Ash & Lacey | 415 | | | 22.6 | 6.9 |
| 388 | 388 | Ashley | 388 | | | 14.5 | 3.8 |
| 286 | 286 | Assoc Br Eng | 286 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| | | Assoc Heat | | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| | | Assoc Telecoms | | | | | |
| 125 | 125 | Aurum | 125 | | | 7.1 | 5.6 |
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| 125 | 125 | Avon Rubber | 125 | | | 7.1 | 5.6 |
| 118 | 118 | Axmiths Metal | 118 | | | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| 288 | 288 | BBA | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
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| 288 | 288 | BETEC | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
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| 288 | 288 | BTR | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Babcock | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Bailey (Eng) | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Baker Perkins | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Banro Ind | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Barlows | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Bergel | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Berisford | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Barlow Rand | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
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| 288 | 288 | Berton Transport | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Bath & Portland | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| 288 | 288 | Bemmes (Charles) | 288 | | | 14.5 | 5.6 |
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# FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

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# Lonrho may have more to say on Fraser

Note what I do, not what I say, might be a suitable message for Roland (Tiny) Rowland to offer his many supporters. Come the weekend Mr Rowland's Lonrho was firing on all cyliners having been cleared by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, though not yet by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Norman Tebbitt, to renew the bid for House of Fraser which was officially stalled in 1981. An onslaught on the Al-Fayed board, was expected any moment as reason for the Egyptian family's approach to be referred in its turn to the Commission.

If it came it was not too noticeable. By Monday afternoon, precisely as predicted in this column on Saturday, the Egyptians had bought their way to control in the market, declaring their offer unconditional at 51-03 per cent of Fraser shares without having to raise the terms of their offer.

But who had made this process so easy? Why, none other than Mr Rowland, who sold his 6.3 per cent stake in the morning. It was put straight through the market to the bidders. That was the same Mr Rowland, in his role as brilliant dealer, who sold the Al-Fayed's their original 29.9 per cent stake last November, adding another £10 million profit for Lonrho to the £70 million he registered then.

Lonrho maintains for the record that it still wishes to mount its own takover bid, at a date and price yet to be determined. That depneds on Mr Tebbit referring the Al-Fayeds' bid to the Commission and the Commission rejecting it, since the brothers have let it be known they would await a decision. As noted, such a reference would hardly go down well at tomorrow's Downing Street banquet, where Muhamed Al-Fayed will accompany his friend and leader President Mubarak. Beyond gut xenophobia at another of Britain's prestige-companies falling into foreign ownership, it would not make much sense either.

There is no threat to competition and no threat of ensuing turmoil and damage to the company that Fraser's chairman, Professor Rowland Smith or his board can detect. This is tough on Mr Rowlands, whose own bid likewise had no bad implications for competition, jobs, exports, regional development or whatever. Under today's rules Lonrho might have had its way, but Mr Rowland's sense of injustice is hardly sufficient reason to go through the charade of vetting by the ever-flexible Commission.

And if Mr, Rowland was still fighting with one hand tied behind his back, he also knew that he might have to bid £700 million to overcome the Al-Fayeds' strong position. Once Lonrho sold yesterday, there was no reason for the other market dominoes to stand out, since once the bid went above 50 per cent, Fraser shares might well go to a discount. Perhaps that is the end of it. But Mr Rowlands, having acted so swiftly and decisively, may still have plenty ot say.

## Beating a path to China

After lagging sadly in trade with China, British industry has received a useful fillip from Lord Young's mission, whose members are now returning to their desks. Any fly on the boardroom wall at Hammersmith House, west London, tomorrow would probably learn more about what it really means to do business with China than from any of the public statements made by the senior industrialists who took part in Lord Young's mission.

British Oxygen is planning to become the first foreign company to buy its way into an existing Chinese company, with the BOC chairman, Mr Richard Giordano, having signed a letter of intent to acquire a half-share in the Wu Song chemical company while in Shanghai.

Mr Giordano – described by a fellow-mission member as being "no romantic" – is clearly enthusiastic about filling the big gap in BOC's spread of Far East interests, which last year contributed a quarter to both group turnover of £2.34 billion and operating profits of £216 million. But he fully appreciates the problems that lie in his path.

The biggest problem is that China has no established company law, and a key issue for BOC will be how it will be allowed to repatriate any profits. "It is still in the process of being formulated, and has been for many years," says one China trade specialist "There is still so much being done on a test-case basis".

There are now hundreds of joint manufacturing ventures in China. But the bulk, probably more than 90 per cent, have been established in special economic zones by "overseas Chinese". They have the inherited advantage of being able to "think Chinese" and so explore uncharted commercial territory with a speed denied to Western counterparts.

If BOC does decide to part with, perhaps, £30 million in many months time for a stake in Wu Song, it will have established a test-case for others to follow, at least in part.

It will have plenty of guidance available. Sir Eric Sharp, for example also returned from the mission this week, and to chair a Cable and Wireless board meeting today, having signed a memorandum of understanding to develop telecommunications services in the fast-growing Yangtze Delta, and for a new Telecommunications Technology Development Centre in Peking – and so increase his company's considerable involvement in China.

One of Mrs Thatcher's objectives in fielding a team of 11 senior industrialists was that a well of understanding and expertise about China should be created from which the rest of British industry could gradually draw.

The problem is that, while recognizing the potential, and what the threat of a faster-moving western rival could do to that pottial, companies are still nervous about rushing in. They are frightened of being the test-cases which went wrong.

The Chinese, it is now widely understood, are extremely price sensitive;; and British Aerospace's director, Mr John Glasscock, failed to clinch a long-awaited initial order for 10 BAe 146 aircraft even though he lowered the price-tag while on the trip.

What makes the likes of Cable and Wireless and BOC so attractive to the Chinese, though, is their technology. Gas-making may be a mature art. But the application of those gases to the newer industrial processes, in electronics and chemicals, for instance, is a secret which the company has demonstrated it will impart freely to overseas subsidiaries.

That is its biggest bargaining point and, if more deals are to be signed before the Chinese premier, Zhao Ziyang, visits Britain in June and the Queen goes to China next year, more and more British companies will have to show that they have the courage to put a measure of their technology up-front. They will have to put more resources into long-term marketing in China, where most lag sadly behind American, Japanese or German competitors. Otherwise the momentum will be lost.

## Coal loss could cost us £2 each a week

Ian MacGregor admitted at the weekend that the National Coal Board would make a loss in 1985-86, which can hardly have come as a surpise to anyone. But how large will that loss be? According to the stockbrokers Alan Coats and Matthew Windridge of Quilter Goodison, it could be £2 billion, equilvalent to a "negative dividend" of £2 per taxpayer per week. The analysts arrive at the frightening total on the basis that the NCB will be facing not mearly full costs but all sorts of extra costs, not least from higher wage rates. But these extra costs will not be compensated in revenue.

The Central Electricity generating Board, the main customer for coal, will not pay significantly higher prices for coal in a slack market, probabaly £43.10 a tonne against £41.20.

Life is full of surprises. Miners keen to get stuck in to pay off their debts could improve productivity from healthy face and there is plenty of scope for extra quotas for contractors for profitable opencast coal production. Even so, the figures will look terrible. Mr MacGregor and his colleagues must be asking themselves tough questions about how far they want to maximize short-term output when they are anxious to put their revised pit closure programme through the new more laborious review machinery as soon as possible, to take account of longer-term limitations on demand.

Meanwhile, as the brokers note, there ought to be happy days again for equipment manufacturers who can deliver the productivity the industry now even more urgently needs.

# Pound up 1.87 cents despite worsening inflation outlook

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

The pound jumped by 1.87 cents to $1.0880 yesterday as the dollar ran into heavy selling against all currencies. Official figures showing a heightening of inflationary pressures in Britain failed to dent the pound.

The dollar suffered losses as dealers reassessed the prospects of a surge in American interest rates on the back of strong growth in the economy.

The nervousness in the markets since last Wednesday, when the Federal Reserve chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, said the dollar's strength had prompted an easing of monetary policy, turned into further selling yesterday.

An easing of the key Federal funds rate to 8¼ per cent, with German state election results showing losses by the Green party and talk of higher German interest rates, encouraged a shift out of dollars into the European currencies.

The dollar lost 5½ pfennigs to DM3.3385 against the mark, its index dropping 1.6 to 153.8.

**PRODUCER PRICE INFLATION**

| | Input costs: Manufacturing industry % | Input costs: Manufacturing, excluding food, drink & tobacco % | Output prices: Manufacturing industry % | Output prices: Manufacturing, excluding food, drink & tobacco % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1984 Q1 | 7.2 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| Q2 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 5.6 |
| Q3 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 6.2 | 5.5 |
| Oct | 9.3 | 12.5 | 6.2 | 5.7 |
| Nov | 9.3 | 12.6 | 6.1 | 5.6 |
| Dec | 8.9 | 12.7 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 1985 Jan | 8.8 | 13.2 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| Feb | 9.5 | 14.6 | 6.1 | 6.5 |

Source: Department of Trade & Industry

Sterling, in contrast, showed strength, the sterling index rising 0.5 to 71.6. As well as gaining against the dollar, the pound rose a third of a pfennig to DM3.6318 against the mark.

The pound was helped by a slight firming of spot oil prices. Two factors which could have upset the pound, Lloyds Bank's forecast of an early base rate cut and poor producer price figures, had little impact.

The producer price figures showed that manufacturing industry's material and fuel costs rose by 1.2 per cent in February, largely due to the 3 per cent decline in sterling against the dollar during the month. The 12-month rate rose to 9.5 per cent, its highest for 18 months.

Even so, manufacturing industry's output prices rose by only 0.5 per cent in February, and the 12-month rate declined from 6.2 to 6.1 per cent.

However, a more disturbing picture of the effect of sterling's weakness on industry is provided by the figures for manufacturing industry, excluding food, drink and tobacco.

These show that material and fuel costs surged by 1.7 per cent between January and February to stand 14.6 per cent up on a year earlier, the highest 12-month rate for three years.

Manufacturing industry has begun to pass on these costs, with ouput prices, again excluding food, drink and tobacco, up by 0.8 per cent in February. The 12-month rate of output price inflation increased to 6.5 per cent, from 6.3 per cent in January and 5.7 per cent in December.

Whitehall statisticians expect a further boost to this measure of inflation in the coming months.

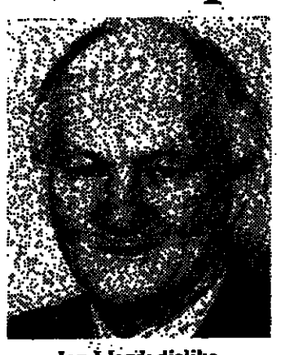
# MPs attack oil 'price fixing'

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The Government should admit its price-fixing relationships with Opec and stop using the energy industries – oil, gas and electricity – for raising revenue, an all-party Commons committee said yesterday.

The Energy Select Committee, which has been investigasting the role of the British National Oil Corporation, the state body which fixes North Sea oil prices, said yesterday that the Government should not allow public sector borrowing requirement policy to be the prime determinant of its energy policy.

The committee has been examining the Government's award of a second £25 million tranche of public money to BNOC, whicvh has been losing money as it buys in 800,000 barrels a day of North Sea crude at its official price of $28.65 and sells it on the spot market at a loss of up to $2 a barrel.



Ian Lloyd: dislike of cartels

Yesterday, Mr Ian Lloyd, the committee chairman, said it was feared that further state aid for BNOC will be needed. The committee report said no one in Opec believed that the British Government did not involve itself in the setting of the North Sea oil price.

Mr Lloyd said: "We are in a position today that the Government does consult with Opec. I don't like cartels. I don't like to see Governments get involved with cartels because it gives them some respectability."

The committee report went on: "The costs of energy to the UK and to the Western world are of critical importance if a thriving economy is to be achieved.

"Collaboration with the Opec cartel, tax cuts financed from Windfall North Sea revenue and the cushioning of the oil companies, from market realities are all secondary to the long-term economic well-being of the UK and its Western allies. A gradual move towards lower energy costs will help achieve that well-being."

# Shop sales under the weather

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Retail sales slipped last month compared with levels over the past few months, including the Christmas and New Year period. But the growth trend in shop sales contined although it was described as "fragile" by the Retail Consortium.

Bad weather which affected most of Britain last month could have been a key factor in stemming sales and the effect of increased mortgage rates was also being felt.

The seasonally adjusted volume retail sales index last month was provisionally put at 13.9 by the Department of Trade and Industry (1980 = 100). This compares with 112.8 in January and 117 in December, the average of these months coming out at 114.8, which most observers regard as a closer reflection of the Christmas and New Year sales period.

The February figure is below the level of the fourth quarter of last year but in the three months December to February sales were up 0.5 per cent compared with the previous three months and 5 per cent more than in the same period a year before.

The value of sales, non-seasonally adjusted, was provisionally estimated as being 8 per cent higher than in the same month last year. If January and February are taken together the sales value was 9 per cent up

Real growth compared with February last year was about 4 per cent, the Retail Consortium estimated. This means the upward trend in sales was continuing. It said there was cautious optimism for sales progress the rest of this year.

With shops stocked with new spring lines clothing and footwear sales were hit by last month's bad weather according to trade reports going to the Consortium. The one bright spot was children's wear because half-term holidays mostly coincided with milder weather.

# Foster says it may accept bid

By Our City Staff

Foster Brothers Clothing, the retail chain based in the West Midlands, announced yesterday that it was in talks with a third party which may lead to a recommended offer for that company.

Sears Holding, owners of Selfridges department store and Britain's largest shoe retailer, is expected to announce a bid for Foster at between 220p and 230p a share either today or tomorrow.

Sear's chief executive, Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, said at the weekend he was looking closely at the situation, but declined to comment on yesterday's announcement from Foster.

Foster is also on the receiving end of an unwanted bid from the shoe retailer Ward White. Ward White's bid is worth £92.1 million against an expected price from Sears of between £103 million and £107.7 million.

Foster shares rose 20p to 228p yesterday. Ward White eased 1p to 236p on expectations that it will have to raise its bid significantly if it has any chance of staying in the contest. The first closing date for its offer is Friday.

Foster Bros trades through more than 700 shops in Britain, including Millets camping and leisurewear shops and Adams childrenswear as well as Foster menswear shops.

Taxable profits in the year to the end of last month are expected to fall to about £5.7 million.

However, profits this year are expected to bounce back to at least £9 million

Sears Holdings has been looking for a suitable British acquisition since its attempt to reorganize the British mail order business, through the merger of Grattan and Empire Stores with an injection of capital from Sears was rebuffed by Empire two years ago.

# Infintraco pays £19m for Goode Durrant

By Alison Eadie

Goode Durrant & Murray, the trade finance, banking, housebuilding and retailing group, has been taken over by the private company Infintraco in a deal valuing it at £19.2 million.

Infintraco is controlled by Mr Michael Waring, a 38-year-old South African who will become chief executive of Goode Durrant. Infintraco will retain a 29.14 per cent stake in GDM and a further 34.72 per cent has been placed with institutions by The English Association Trust acting for Mr Waring.

The present chairman of GDM, Mr Lionel Robinson, will retain his position.

Mr Waring, who sold his business interests in South Africa between 1078 and 1983, intends to build up GDM particularly in the area of trade finance and trading of physical soft commodities.

He trained in the commodities physicals trade in Switzerland and South America before building up the F R Waring Group, a Johannesburg-based trading house. He held a 7 per cent stake a and was a derector of Finansbank, a South African merchant bank.

This is his first significant deal in Britain. He intends to limit GDM's areas of expansion to English speaking parts of the world such as South Africa, Australasia, North America and Britain.

Minority shareholders are being offered 80 cash per share by Infintraco (the takeover price), if they wish to sell out. The shares will be placed with institutions. The board of GDM intends to retain the Stock Exchange listing.

Goode Durrant made pretax profits of £2.57 million in the year to October 31, 1984, a 2 per cent dicline on 1983 profits, on turnover nearly 5 per cent higher at £67.6 million.

IN BRIEF

## More cheap holidays

Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest package tour operator, yesterday launched another brochure offering low-price holidays in Spain in an attempt to boost flagging bookings.

About 40,000 summer packages are on offer, two thirds of which are in Sapin and the rest on the Venetian and Adriatic rivieras in Italy.

The lowest price for a week's holiday is £69, in Majorca in May. The average price for a week in high season will be about £180 compared with just over £200 in Thomson's regular brochures.

Unlike the bargain brouchure brought out by Thomson last month, offering 100,000 low-price Spanish holidays in unspecified hotels, the new cheap brochure will allow clients to choose their accommodation.

## Talks on 3i

The clearing banks and the Bank of England are expected to have further talks soon on the possible sale of Investors in Industry (3i), after a report by the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell

**Trusthouse Forte is still keen on bidding for the Savoy Hotels group – but not at current prices.**

**Lord Forte told his shareholders yesterday that he still wanted the group, but at a price not much different from his unsuccessful 1981 offer.**

## ABC rumour

Shares of American Broadcasting Co were trading higher in strong volume on renewed rumours that the company may be the target of a takeover, stock analysts said.

## Fuel drive

Romania yesterday announced plans to step up production of oil, coal and electric power in an attempt to overcome a severe energy shortage that is threatening the country's economy. For the past two months, Romania has banned private car driving to save fuel.

**Abbey National, the second largest building society, is increasing the cost of household insurance by up to two-thirds. Premium costs will rise by 44 per cent and there will be compulsory increase in the basic sum assured of up to 24 per cent.**

## Minister goes

Mr Hsu Li-teh, Taiwan's Economics Minister, resigned yesterday to assume "moral responsibility" for what officials have described as Taiwan's worst financial scandal, which involved "loan irregularaties" at the Tenth Credit Co-operative.

## Talks fail

Protracted negotiations for a standby credit from the International Monetary Fund to help Tanzania meet its financial obligations have ended without agreement.

BUDGET BRIEFING

# Compromise on VAT looks likely

This has been heralded as the Budget when expenditure taxes are boosted to finance an income tax cut. The tax emphasis would be switched from direct taxes, notably income tax, to indirect taxation, mainly value-added tax and excise duties.

In his first Budget a year ago, the Chancellor extended VAT coverage to hot takeaway food and building alterations, and he and his ministers made no secret of the fact that a further widening of the VAT net was in prospect.

That, together with the expectation that this year's Budget would radically reform personal taxes, meant that books, newspapers, gas and electricity, children's clothing and shoes, commercial property and, notwithstanding prime ministerial commitments, food, looked vulnerable to a tax-reforming Chancellor.

All these goods are zero-rated. Taxing them at 15 per cent would provide the Chancellor with a mouth-watering £7 billion extra. This is enough to allow the reduction in the basic rate of income tax to the 1979 commitment of 25p in the pound at a stroke, and still leave £1.5 billion for other things.

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge – and a lot of money out of sterling – since the autumn, when a massive widening of the VAT net looked possible. With the exception of basic foods and new housing, everything looked fair game to the Treasury.

The inflationary implications of sterling's decline have changed the picture dramatically. The worst thing the Treasury could do now, it is argued, would be to repeat Sir Geoffrey Howe's mistake of June 1979, when higher VAT combined with an underlying surge in costs to produce a 22 per cent inflation rate by 1980.

**EXCISE DUTIES: EFFECTS OF REVALORIZING**

| | Current duty including VAT | Price change, revenue VAT | Full-year revenue effect (£m) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beer (pint) | 17.3p | 0.9p | 85 |
| Wine (75cl bottle) | 63.4p | 3.5p | 25 |
| Spirits (bottle) | £4.64 | 25.4p | 30 |
| Cigarettes (20) | 76.2p | 3.6p | 115 |
| Petrol (gallon) | 78.0p | 4.3p | 210 |

Source: Treasury

**REVENUE AND PRICE EFFECTS OF APPLYING VAT**

| | Tax revenue £m | Increase in prices (%) |
|---|---|---|
| All zero-rated items (excluding housing) | 7,000 | +4½ |
| Food | 4,250 | +2¾ |
| Fuel, light and power | 1,500 | +1 |
| Children's clothes | 450 | +½ |
| Books and newspapers | 375 | +¼ |
| Public transport | 425 | +¼ |
| Exempt items (excluding housing) | 525 | +½ |

Source: IFS estimates

Politically, despite a huge Parliamentary majority, the Government's position has become more fragile over recent months. Mr Lawson is under pressure not to offend too many special interest groups, many of whom have lobbied against the extension of VAT.

So what will he do? The easiest course would be to do nothing, simply raising excise duties in line with inflation, and adding 1p to a pint of beer, 3½p to a bottle of wine and a packet of cigarettes, and 25p to a bottle of spirits.

There is already a rough balance between revenue from the expenditure taxes, expected to total £35 billion this year, and income tax, expected to bring in £34 billion.

Mr Lawson, however, will not easily be diverted from his goals, and increasing the indirect tax will be in the Budget if it is one of them.

Thus, the most plausible package is one which picks on a few of the less controversial zero-rated items and brings them within the VAT net. New non-residential construction, newspaper advertising and certain luxury foods come into this category, involving a modest boost to VAT revenues of around £500 million.

A further move would be to introduce VAT on books, newspapers, children's clothing and footwear, worth up to £850 million, but these would carry major political risks and look unlikely.

There is a much greater possibility that VAT could be introduced on fuel, light and power. This could be justified as a "Scargill surcharge," forcing consumers to meet the higher costs of power generation during the miners' strike, without distorting the energy market as a levy on electricity would. It could then be continued indefinitely, bringing in £1.5 billion a year if charged at the full rate.

An alternative, backdoor way of boosting VAT revenue, and paving the way for a future substantial widening of VAT coverage, would be to switch from zero-rating to exemption.

Producers of zero-rated goods can reclaim the VAT they have paid on inputs; producers of goods classified as exempt cannot. Changing VAT status in this way could bring in between £500 million and £1 billion, with muted effects on the retail prices index and a minimum of political damage. Even so, the National Book Committee has estimated that it would be equivalent to an 8.5 per cent VAT rate.

The EEC sixth directive allowed, for a transitional period, the continuation of zero-rating in Britain. It also allowed VAT exemption, mainly on financial services, as in the rest of the EEC.

Thus, it appears that the Treasury is locked in to the current range of zero-rated items and could not switch them to exempt status without breaking EEC rules.

One hardy Budget perennial is the abolition of the road fund licence on cars, to be replaced by a bigger tax on petrol. With petrol already touching £2 a gallon, and the impact of higher petrol prices on the inflation rate, action is unlikely.

**David Smith**
*Economics Correspondent*

# Investors turn to high tech property

High technology properties, hybrid office and industrial buildings, are proving increasingly attractive to investors who are switching their money away from more traditional industrial buildings into this relatively new sector.

In its latest investment report Healey & Baker, the estate agents, says that yields for top quality, well located high technology schemes are 6.75 per cent compared with 7.25 per cent for the conventional industrial shed.

The lowest yields for the hybrid buildings are to be found around the M25 and M4 motorways where demand is high. But elsewhere high technology yields are much higher and there is a danger of an oversupply of space, according to Healey & Baker.

MARKET SUMMARY

**STOCK MARKETS**

| | |
|---|---|
| FT Ind Ord | 989.2(+1.1) |
| FT-A All Share | 622.09(+2.69) |
| FT Govt Securities | 80.65(+0.35) |
| FT-SE 100 | 1290.8(+2.2) |
| Bargains: 28,834 | |
| Datastream USM | 112.56(+1.41) |
| New York | |
| Dow Jones | 1267.22(−2.43) |
| Tokyo | |
| Nikkei Dow | 12,263.85(−83.68) |
| Hong Kong: | |
| Hang Seng | 1380.11(−15.16) |
| Amsterdam: | 206.2(+0.3) |
| Sydney: AO | 783.9(−4.1) |
| Frankfurt: | |
| Commerzbank | 1205.3(+1.8) |
| Brussels: | |
| General | 302.78(+6.25) |
| Paris: CAC | 207.2(+0.9) |

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**MAIN PRICE CHANGES**

RISES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cifer | 13 +3 |
| Dunlop | 65 +14 |
| Antofagasta Hldgs | 285 +45 |
| Ingall Inds | 89 +15 |
| Monument Oil & Gas | 24 +4 |
| Synterials | 8 +1½ |
| A.I. Ind Products | 48 +7 |
| Yelverton Invs | 29 +4 |
| Sangers | 53 +6 |
| Marling Inds | 86 +8 |
| Tricentrol | 218 +20 |
| Burnett & Hallams | 55 +5 |
| Barham Gp | 440 +40 |
| Foster Bros | 228 +20 |
| Stockley | 69 +6 |
| W. H. Smith "A" | 212 +18 |
| Channel Tunnel | 142 +12 |

FALLS:

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| Unigroup | 21 −4 |
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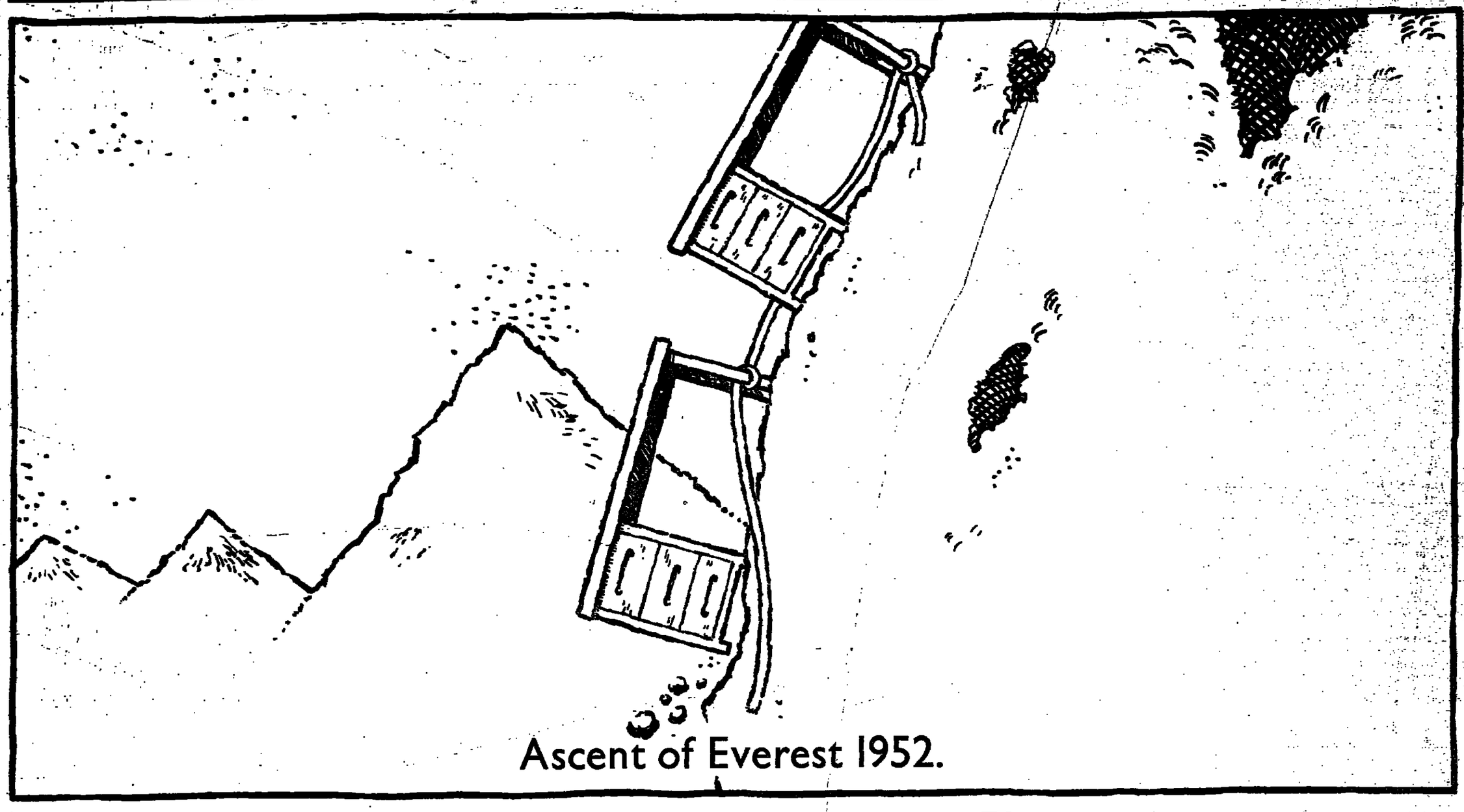
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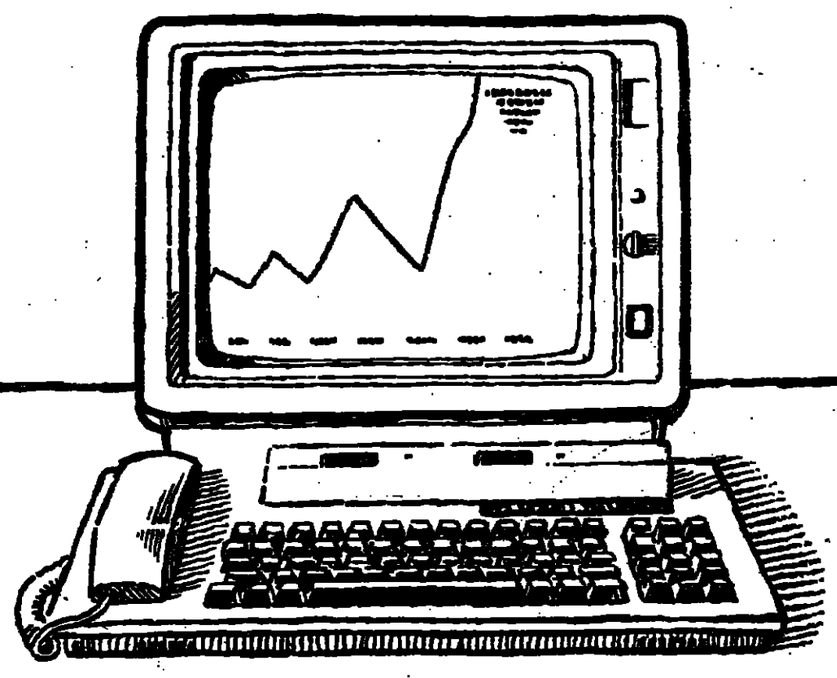
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3-month eligible bills 13½–13⅜%
buying rate
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Prime Rate 10.50
Federal Funds 8⅝%
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

# Buyers keep BT buzzing as shares reach a new peak

By Pam Spooner

British Telecommunications was buzzing in the stock market yesterday, the share price reaching a new peak of 135½p, up 5p on the day.

Buying in the shares resumed at the end of last week as market men began looking forward to this new Account, in which BT announced third quarter figures. Those are expected to be good ones, although City analysts are wary of making specific forecasts since they do not know the comparable figures for 1983/4 or any seasonal variations in revenue flow.

Trading volume in BT was high, with one buyer reported to have accumulated 5 million shares in the past three working days. Given that several investors still have less of the stock than they would like, the news is not surprising.

General Electric Company, which was already reckoned to have got 1 million BT, would buy more shares. It has the cash and is an active investor. The enthusiasm which has built up for BT in this Account looks likely to provide recent buyers with a quick profit.

Volume in BT trade options was also high yesterday, accounting for more than 40 per cent of options market business, but prices of the contracts showed little movement, and the trade was fairly evenly divided between calls and puts.

Leading shares showed a firm start to the Account, despite a number of companies going ex-dividend. **British Petroleum**, for example, spotted a 28p loss at 533p alongside its ex-dividend mark, and **Imperial Chemical Industries** dropped 30p to 812p for the same reason. **National Westminster Bank, Peninsula & Oriental Steam Navigation Company, Plessey** and **Vickers** also traded ex-dividend, and most of them lost pennies as a result.

But by the close the FT 30 share index showed a 1.1 point gain to 989.2, showing the enlivened market's determination to move forward. The FT-SE 100 share market progressed 2.2 points to 1290.8.

On the gilts pitches trade was lively as investors looked to today's money supply news to help push interest rates down. A lowering of US interest rates in recent days and some weakening of the dollar against sterling also contributed to gains of around £⅞ for Goverment stocks.

The Treasury yesterday sent out notes to holders of the 1986 40 per cent Treasury Conversion Stock giving details for the exercise of options on April 11th this year.

The reshaping of **J Rothschild Holdings**, formerly known as Charterhouse J Rothschild, continues. As the stock market waits to see what the group will do with its growing cash pile, the company announced a change in the financial year-end, from December to March 31.

The next report and accounts will cover a 15 month period to the end of this month. The directors add that they intend to recommend a second interim dividend, payable in July 1985. Yesterday, Rothschild shares rose 1p to 102p.

Meanwhile, Mr Rothschild's group is showing interest in property companies. He confirmed yesterday that he has bought a 4 per cent stake in **Stock Conversion** from the Courtauld pension fund at a price of 450p a share. Stock Conversion shares jumped 23p to 473p in the market.

Mr Rothschild's appearance on the scene, and subequent market action in Stock Conversion shares, suggest a deal is close, and one City view is that Mr Rothschild will back a reverse takeover of SC by **Stockley**, a property company whose management is much admired in the Square Mile. Stockley shares rose 6p to 69p.

**MEPC** and **Slough Estates**, which were both fancied formerly to make a bid for SC, saw their shares gain ground. MEPC was up 4p at 306p and Slough rose 3p to 130p as market attention switched.

Elsewhere in the property sector, shares traded quitely as analysts wait for the next move on interest rates.

**Group Lotus** (Car Companies) shares saw action in the market as the company formally declared that it has no idea why the share price has bolted ahead in recent days. Market men grew excited about the rapid growth in the car group's lucrative research and development work for the mass production car makers and about possible stake-building by such customers, and the shares shot from 88p to 118p in a week.

Yesterday's statement helped take some of the steam out of the price – it fell 4p to 114p – but City men still expect to see more interest in the stock.

**British Car Auction Group**, which has 25 per cent of Lotus, gained 5p to 87p alongside its associate's firmness, though BCA is also benefiting from reconsideration of the value of its steady expansion in America.

**BSG Group**, the car dealer which is close to receiving a bid offer, firmed 1p to 24p. Hawley Group and Electrolux are reckoned to have been ready to make a joint offer, but Hawley has since retreated market sources suggest, and a new approach is being prepared, still with Electrolux involved.

Elsewhere in the motor business, **Dunlop** shares showed the effects of the agreed bid from BTR, the Dunlop price touching 69p at one stage before settling for a 14½ gain to 65½p, just pennies above the 63p a share offer. BTR share flurried up to 704p before they too calmed down to 689p, up 30p on the day.

**Woolworth** was on the move in stores. The shares jumped 15p to 618p. A few weeks ago they were in the 550p range.

The rise coincided with an announcement that investment portfolios managed by the merchant bank Warburg had topped up its stake to just over 15 per cent. A few weeks ago Robert Fleming funds announced similar holdings.

Woolworth says the shares are tightly held and a few transactions tend to cause fairly sharp swings in the price. But what about rumours of a bid? Woolworth's Mr Nigel Whittaker said: "We keep hearing all sorts of rumours as well."

Other stores shares brightened alongside the bid hopes for the sector. **W. H. Smith**, where market talk of a consortium offer has lingered for months, jumped 18p to 212p, and **Stylo**, where bid attempts so far have failed to dislodge the Ziff family from control, put on 10p to 198p. Mr Arnold Ziff, chairman of Stylo, has been busy buying in the shares through friends and associates in order to keep control.

Funeral directors **Ingall Industries** jumped 11p to 85p, topping the 80p a share takeover bid announced yesterday from Greater Midlands Co-Op Society through its offshoot, Farsight.

Greater Midlands' bid values Ingall at £7.3 million but the funeral group has already rejected the offer as unsolicited and wholly unacceptable. The market is expecting a higher offer either from Greater Midlands or a rival.

On the USM, **Industrial Finance and Investment Corporation** confirmed that it has won its takeover for East of Scotland Onshore, the investment company which will effectively provide Ifico with a rights issue. Ifico has acceptances for 75.43 per cent of EoS shares and extends the offer until March 15.

**Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee, the stockbroker is offering for sale 31.6 per cent of William Bedford, the antiques dealer which joins the USM this month. The shares are offered at a minimum tender price of 100p, putting a market value of £4,750,000 on the company. Last year profits rose from £270,000 to £654,000, giving an historic p/e of 11.6 on an actual tax basis.**

**Market men are keeping a close eye on the price of Highland Electronics Group which has made startling progress in recent months. From 50p last autumn, the shares now trade at 126p – showing a 4p gain yesterday. Country stockbrokers have been steadily picking up the stock and a market newsletter suggested a stake being built up. Good half-time trading figures are expected late next month.**

## Traded option highlights

**A total of 10,387 options were traced in London yesterday, though close on 5,000 of those were in British Telecom alone. The stock exchange index contract was the next most heavily traded, at 1,175 options, and Marks & Spencer contracts totalled 685p.**

**Large price changes were confined to options in BTR, following the company's agreement on takeover of Dunlop. March, June and September 600 and 650 call contracts showed gains of between 19p and 33p, while 700p puts in those series were down by 15p**

# TV chief urges funding stability

By Jeremy Warner

The debate on how best to fund the BBC should not be allowed to lead to "hasty decisions that will be harmful in the long run to broadcasting as a whole", Mr Alex Bernstein, chairman of Granada Group said yesterday.

Mr Bernstein was speaking at the company's annual meeting in London. He told shareholders that although present broadcasters, including Granada, could be accused of special pleading, so too could those advocates of change who would benefit from an American-style competitive system.

"We can say with certainty after nearly 30 years of experience that the present structure can and does support a television industry with a strong regional character at home and with the ability to export programmes which have a reputation second to none in the world market," Mr Bernstein said.

The Government is due to decide by the end of the month whether to change the special exchequer levey on independent television profits as well as on a new licence fee to fund the BBC. The ITV companies have argued that tampering with the levy could seriously undermine their financial position.

Mr Bernstein said that the ability to embark on productions such as Granada's highly successful programme, *Jewel in the Crown*, "must depend on stable financial climate in television."

Commenting on the group's financial performance, Mr Bernstein said that trading in the first months of the present year showed a satisfactory improvement over last year, despite disappointing television advertising revenue and the effect on some group companies of the cold winter and the miners' strike.

Integration of Granada TV Rental with Rediffusion, which the group acquired from BET last year, was going according to plan and by the end of this year there would be one company trading under the Granada name with about 650 outlets.

"With the saving from this integration still to come, we look forward to an increase in profit and cash flow for the full year which will sustain Granada in its ambition for growth this year and in future," Mr Bernstein said.

On the stock market yesterday, Granada shares closed 1p higher at 191p.

TEMPUS

# Traders absorb taplets ahead of £M3 figures

A small step for the gilts market is plainly a giant stride for the funding programme. Yesterday gilts improved a little and the Government Broker sold his stocks briskly in the spring sunshine. The £200 million taplet of Treasury 10½ per cent 1999 was exhausted, and the GB was also on and off at £20⅝ for the short tap, Exchequer 11 per cent 1990; he may have disposed of nearly £100 million of this stock. Traders nibbled at his other taplets.

Proceeds from the rush to fund may have totalled some £300 million. This would be a very reasonable outcome for a day when quotations plainly did not boil over. Shorts improved by some ¾ points – a far cry from some of the more erratic price movements of recent weeks.

Some claim the relative restraint stems from underlying awareness that the market still has to travel a long way back from the new year sterling crisis. Short yields of 11½ per cent look odd compared with base rates of 14 per cent. A market so far ahead of the fundamentals must, in theory, have limited scope to advance until rates start falling.

An alternative theory detects the heavy hand of the authorities, who have deliberately dissuaded the market from optimism until just before the Budget, in a bid to engineer a one point cut in base rates on the day. The view, if correct, suggests that all optimism about price trends ought to be tempered with restraint. The same school holds that the authorities are poised to follow up the change of policy on the exchange rate by bringing back MLR.

Shorter-term theorists will find their forecasts either vindicated or destroyed at 2.30 this afternoon, with the publication of the money supply figures for banking February. In general, the market seems to be looking for no change on the month in £M3, a view consistent with last Friday's funding moves. Taplets represent a commando raid on market sentiment, not a sustained spring offensive.

## Parker Knoll

Solid, reliable, unfashionable . . . are attributes which sit most comfortably in the upholstered lap of Parker Knoll, the furniture maker. For generations its familar styles have shored up the showrooms of independent retailers like a welcoming beacon to the over 45s wary of chairs with chromium plated legs.

However, those British virtues which some would say have afflicted the company have nevertheless enabled it to maintain modest, if unspectacular, growth in one of the market's less thrilling sectors. The latest half time profits confirm the tried and trusted formula. Earnings are up from £1.42 million to £1.73 million during a time when the market for furnishings has not always been easy.

The troublesome Natham cabinet business made losses of about £100,000 about the same as before, but reorganization should soon see the last of the red ink. Textile furnishings are showing the benefits of investment in new ranges and profits are flowing through.

Nevertheless, Mr Martin Jourdan, chairman admits the furniture market is static. Although sales are not as sensitive to changes in mortgage rates as they were, he would not like to see another rise at the moment.

His strategy, as he puts it, is to use a rifle rather than a shotgun to seek new markets. Making chairs for the disabled is one. There are 500,000 wheelchair-bound Britons, so his Parker Care range has a target to aim at.

Other possible areas are office and bedroom furniture. Kitchen furniture is out; there are too many disaster stories. What he does not intend to do is chase growth by selling to the big high street retailers. He winces at the sort of profit margins he would be left with.

Finding younger customers seems a priority – or at the very least brightening the image. In the meantime over-capacity in the industry is running at 15 per cent and a merger with neighbours Gomme makes sense. Mr Jourdan does not disagree, but says there has been no talking.

The A shares responded to the figures, which seem ot indicate a full-year outcome of about £3.7 million against £3.2 million, with an 18p rise to 193p.

## TV rental

Yesterday's agreement by Dixons to sell to Electronic Rentals the television and video rental interests it acquired as part of the Currys takeover, appears to be a good deal for both parties. The stock market did not go overboard in its appreciation, but Dixons shares moved up 8p to 592p and Electronic Rentals added 3p to 44p.

For Dixons the move is logical. Since the Currys acquisition the aim has been to focus management attention more sharply on selling. Dixons does not believe that renting and selling are happy bedfellows and customers will therefore be relieved of this choice in future.

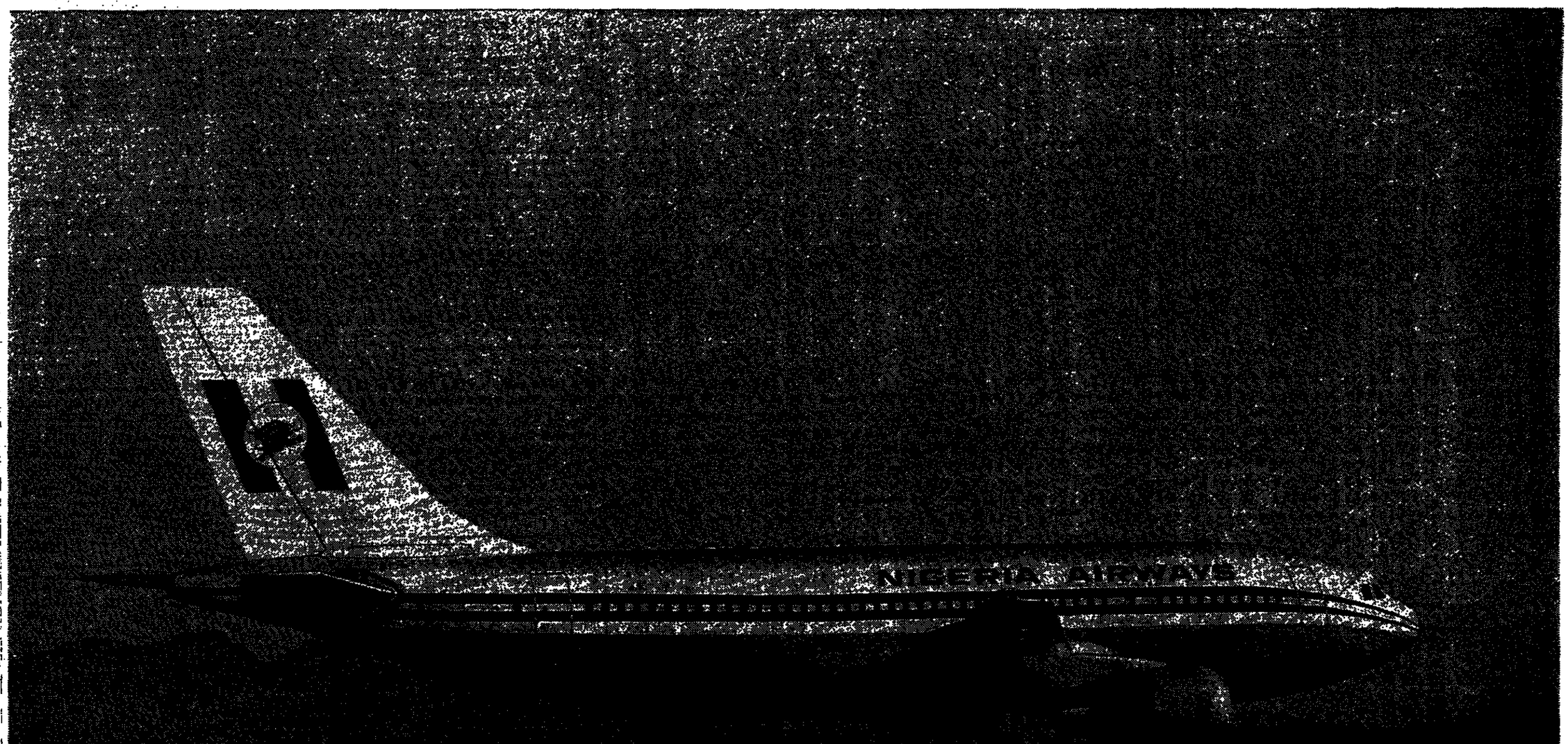
Electronic Rentals, however, is much more heavily involved in the rental market through the Visionhire chain. What it is buying in this deal is another 210,000 agreements without the cumbersome overheads of the outlets. The 13 specialist Carousel rental stores which come as part of the deal will probably be disposed of.

The already uncomfortably high gearing ratio at Electronics Rentals – more than 100 per cent – will be pushed even higher in the short term, although in 1985/86 the overall increase could be quite small, to end at about 110 per cent.

The key will be to offset the increased financing charges by keeping disconnections to a minimum although the company has made ample allowance for this in its calculations.

The group's market share will rise from 15 per cent to about 17.5 per cent as a result of the deal which still leaves it in third place behind Thorn EMI and Granada. The video rental business is holding up well, but colour television rentals are still in decline. To combat this, the group is to start selling in some outlets, an interesting move considering that Dixons believes that this combination does not work.

There might be further rationalization in the rental industry. Granada's purchase of Rediffusion last year provided the biggest shake-up and yesterday Mr Alex Bernstein, Granada's chairman, reported that the integration was going well. However, as demand drops the competition will intensify and only the most imaginative and efficient will survive.


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## WALL STREET

| | Mar 8 | Mar 7 |
|---|---|---|
| AMF Inc | 18½ | 16½ |
| AMR | 39⅞ | 39⅞ |
| Allied Corp | 38⅛ | 39½ |
| Allied Stores | 54⅜ | 54⅝ |
| Allis Chalmers | 7⅛ | 7⅛ |
| Alcoa | 34⅝ | 35⅜ |
| Amax Inc | 17¼ | 17 |
| Amerada Hess | 27½ | 27⅝ |
| Am Brands | 68⅛ | 68⅛ |
| Am Broadcast | 69⅛ | 68½ |
| Am Can | 50⅝ | 49⅝ |
| Am Cyanamid | 51½ | 51⅝ |
| Am Elec Power | 20⅝ | 20⅝ |
| Am Home | 57 | 57 |
| Am Motors | 3¼ | 3¼ |
| Am Nat Res | 62⅝ | 62⅝ |
| Am Standard | 33⅛ | 33½ |
| Am Telephone | 21½ | 21½ |
| Armco Steel | 9¾ | 9⅝ |
| Asarco | 26 | 25⅞ |
| Ashland Oil | 30½ | 29⅝ |
| Atlntic Richfield | 48⅝ | 48⅝ |
| Avco | 40⅝ | 40⅝ |
| Avon Products | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Bankers Tst NY | 62½ | 62⅝ |
| Banksmerica | 19½ | 19½ |
| Bank of Boston | 43½ | 42½ |
| Bank of NY | 39½ | 39¼ |
| Beatrice Foods | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 16⅞ | 16⅝ |
| Boeing | 63½ | 63½ |
| Boise Cascade | 41½ | 40½ |
| Borden | 68⅛ | 68½ |
| Borg Warner | 22 | 21⅞ |
| Bristol Myers | 55 | 55⅜ |
| BP | 24½ | 23⅝ |
| Burlington Ind | 27 | 26⅝ |
| Burlington Nthn | 53⅜ | 53⅜ |
| Burroughs | 61½ | 60⅝ |
| Campbell Soup | 70 | 69⅝ |
| Canadian Pacific | 43½ | 44½ |
| Caterpillar | 31½ | 30⅝ |
| Celanese | 91½ | 91½ |
| Central Soya | 18⅞ | 19½ |
| Champion | 22 | 21½ |
| Chase Manhat | 51⅝ | 52 |
| Chem Bank NY | 39 | 39 |
| Chevron | 34⅝ | 34⅞ |
| Chrysler | 33 | 32⅝ |
| Cincorp | 41⅜ | 41½ |
| Clark Equip | 29½ | 29⅝ |
| Coca Cola | 66½ | 63⅝ |
| Colgate | 23½ | 23⅝ |
| CBS | 85⅞ | 85⅞ |
| Columbia Gas | 29⅜ | 30 |
| Combustion Eng | 35⅝ | 35⅞ |
| Commnwth Edison | 28½ | 28½ |
| Cons Edison | 30⅝ | 30½ |
| Cons Foods | 35⅝ | 35⅞ |
| Cons Power | 6⅛ | 6⅛ |
| Control Data | 35⅞ | 35½ |
| Corning Glass | 37½ | 37½ |
| CPC Intl | 42½ | 42 |
| Crane | 34½ | 34½ |
| Crocker Inl | 25½ | 25½ |
| Crown Zeller | 39⅝ | 38 |
| Dart & Kraft | 92½ | 92½ |
| Deere | 31½ | 31½ |
| Delta Air | 46⅝ | 46½ |
| Detroit Edison | 15½ | 15⅝ |
| Digital Equip | 104½ | 106 |
| Disney | 74⅞ | 75⅜ |
| Dow Chemical | 29⅞ | 29⅝ |
| Dresser Ind | 21 | 21 |
| Duke Power | 29½ | 30 |
| Du Pont | 52⅝ | 53⅛ |
| Eastern Air | 5⅞ | 6 |
| Eastman Kodak | 69½ | 69½ |
| Eaton Corp | 55¼ | 55½ |
| Emerson Elect | 75⅝ | 75⅝ |
| Evans Prod | 2⅞ | 2⅞ |

| | Mar 8 | Mar 7 |
|---|---|---|
| Exxon Corp | 48¼ | 48⅝ |
| Fed Dept Stores | 55⅞ | 55⅝ |
| Firestone | 18⅛ | 18⅛ |
| Fst Chicago | 23½ | 23½ |
| Fst Interst Bncp | 46¼ | 46½ |
| Fst Penn Corp | 7⅝ | 7¼ |
| Ford | 44¼ | 44⅛ |
| GAF Corp | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| GTE Corp | 43 | 42⅝ |
| Gen Corp | 40⅛ | 40⅛ |
| Gen Dynamics | 78⅛ | 75⅝ |
| Gen Electric | 62⅞ | 62⅝ |
| Gen Foods | 60½ | 61 |
| Gen Mills | 55 | 55½ |
| Gen Motors | 78⅛ | 78½ |
| Gen Pub Util NY | 12¾ | 12½ |
| Genesco | 5⅛ | 5⅛ |
| Georgia Pacific | 23½ | 23 |
| Gillette | 58 | 57⅞ |
| Goodrich | 27¼ | 27½ |
| Goodyear | 27⅝ | 27⅝ |
| Gould Inc | 24 | 23¾ |
| Grace | 40 | 41½ |
| Gt Atlic & Pacific | 16⅜ | 16⅛ |
| Greyhound | 28 | 28 |
| Grumman Corp | 28½ | 26 |
| Gulf & West | 32½ | 32⅛ |
| Heinz H. J. | 47⅞ | 48⅝ |
| Hercules | 34 | 34⅝ |
| Honeywell | 62½ | 63½ |
| IC Inds | 31½ | 31½ |
| Ingersoll | 48½ | 49 |
| Inland Steel | 24 | 24 |
| IBM | 129⅝ | 130½ |
| Int Harvester | 10⅝ | 10½ |
| INCO | 13½ | 13⅝ |
| Int Paper | 50¼ | 49⅝ |
| Int Tel Tel | 32⅜ | 32⅝ |
| Irving Bank | 33½ | 33½ |
| Jim Walter | 33½ | 33 |
| Johnson & John | 38⅛ | 39⅛ |
| Kaiser Alumin | 14 | 14 |
| Kerr McGee | 31½ | 31½ |
| Kimberly Clark | 48 | 48⅝ |
| K Mart | 34½ | 34½ |
| Kroger | 40 | 40½ |
| L T V Corp | 10⅜ | 10½ |
| Litton | 67⅝ | 66⅝ |
| Lockheed | 49½ | 49½ |
| Lucky Stores | 19½ | 19⅜ |
| Manuf Hanover | 37½ | 38½ |
| Manville Cp | 7⅝ | 7⅝ |
| Mapco | 31½ | 30½ |
| Marine Midland | 32½ | 32½ |
| Martin Marietta | 48¾ | 50 |
| McDonnell | 79½ | 78⅝ |
| Mead | 36⅝ | 37½ |
| Merck | 99⅛ | 99½ |
| Minnesota Mng | 82⅝ | 82⅝ |
| Mobil Oil | 29⅝ | 29⅝ |
| Monsanto | 44½ | 45⅛ |
| Morgan J. P. | 45¼ | 45⅝ |
| Motorola | 33 | 31½ |
| NCR Corp | 28½ | 28⅝ |
| NL Industries | 12½ | 11⅞ |
| Natsco | 54 | 53⅝ |
| Nat Distillers | 26⅝ | 26⅝ |
| Nat Med Ent | 26½ | 26⅝ |
| Norfolk South | 66 | 67 |
| NW Bancorp | 25⅝ | 25⅜ |
| Occidental Pet | 28 | 28½ |
| Ogden | 31⅜ | 31½ |
| Olin Corp | 35½ | 36 |
| Owens-Illinois | 40⅜ | 40½ |
| Pacific Gas Elec | 17½ | 17⅝ |
| Pan Am | 4½ | 4½ |
| Penney J. C. | 47⅛ | 47½ |
| Pennzoil | 47 | 46½ |
| Pepsico | 48 | 48½ |
| Pfizer | 40½ | 41 |
| Phelps Dodge | 18½ | 18⅝ |

| | Mar 8 | Mar 7 |
|---|---|---|
| Philip Morris | 92½ | 92⅝ |
| Phillips Petrol | 49⅞ | 49½ |
| Polaroid | 25½ | 25⅝ |
| PPG Ind | 39⅛ | 39⅜ |
| Procter Gamble | 56½ | 55⅝ |
| Pub Ser El & Gas | 25⅝ | 25⅜ |
| Raytheon | 45½ | 45⅝ |
| RCA Corp | 39⅜ | 38½ |
| Reynolds Ind | 82½ | 81⅝ |
| Reynolds Metal | 36⅞ | 36⅝ |
| Rockwell Int | 36⅛ | 36⅝ |
| Royal Dutch | 53 | 53⅞ |
| Safeways | 33¾ | 33⅝ |
| SFE Sopac | 27⅛ | 26⅞ |
| SCM | 50½ | 50⅞ |
| Schlumberger | 39⅛ | 39⅝ |
| Scott Paper | 37 | 37⅝ |
| Seagram | 41½ | 42 |
| Sears Roebuck | 34⅞ | 34½ |
| Shell Oil | 59½ | 59⅝ |
| Shell Trans | 33½ | 33½ |
| Signal Co | 33½ | 32½ |
| Singer | 37 | 37½ |
| Smithkline Beck | 58½ | 61½ |
| Sony | 17½ | 17⅞ |
| Sth Cal Edison | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Sperry Corp | 51½ | 51½ |
| Std Oil Indiana | 32½ | 32½ |
| Std Oil Ohio | 44½ | 45 |
| Sterling Drug | 29 | 29½ |
| Stevens J. P. | 19 | 19⅝ |
| Sun Comp | 50½ | 50⅞ |
| Teledyne | 259½ | 262 |
| Tenneco | 35⅝ | 35½ |
| Texaco | 35½ | 35⅝ |
| Texas East Corp | 31½ | 31½ |
| Texas Inst | 109½ | 108½ |
| Texas Utilities | 26½ | 26⅞ |
| Textron | 41½ | 41⅝ |
| TWA | 35½ | 35⅝ |
| Travelers Corp | 42⅝ | 42⅝ |
| TRW Inc | 79 | 78⅝ |
| UAL Inc | 45⅝ | 45⅝ |
| Union Carbide | 38½ | 38⅝ |
| Unocal | 46⅝ | 47 |
| Un Pacific Corp | 47½ | 48 |
| Unitroyal | 15 | 15½ |
| United Brands | 13⅝ | 12⅝ |
| US Steel | 25⅞ | 26⅛ |
| Utd Technol | 42⅝ | 43 |
| Wachovia | 31½ | 31⅞ |
| Warner Lambert | 37⅝ | 37⅝ |
| Wells Fargo | 53⅝ | 53⅝ |
| Westinghse Elec | 31 | 30⅞ |
| Weyerhauser | 29⅝ | 29¾ |
| Whirlpool | 46½ | 46 |
| Woolworth | 39½ | 40⅛ |
| Xerox Corp | 44⅝ | 44⅝ |
| Zenith | 20¼ | 22 |

### CANADIAN PRICES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abitibi | 50⅛ | 50⅛ |
| Alcan Alumin | 37¼ | 37¼ |
| Algoma Steel | 22½ | 21⅞ |
| Bell Telephone | 39¼ | 39 |
| Can Pacific | 60½ | 61½ |
| Cominco | 13⅞ | 14¼ |
| Cons Bathurst | 17⅜ | 18 |
| Gulf Oil | 17½ | 17⅝ |
| Hawker/Std Can | 22½ | 22 |
| Hudson Bay Min | 7⅛ | 7⅜ |
| Imasco | 55 | 54½ |
| Imperial Oil | 40½ | 48½ |
| Int Pipe | 35½ | 34¾ |
| Mass.-Fergan | 3.50 | 3.95 |
| Royal Trustco | 19 | 19⅛ |
| Seagram | 58½ | 59⅜ |
| Steel Co | 23½ | 23 |
| Thomson N 'A' | 57 | 59 |
| Walker Hiram | 28½ | 28½ |
| WCT | 15 | 15½ |

# Dow shows indecision

New York (AP – Dow Jones) – Wall Street shares were mostly mixed in slower early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.56 at 1269.10.

Mr Robert Farrell of Merrill Lynch said: "The market is still consolidating normally following the sharp January advance. Although the intermediate outlook is deteriorating and some caution is warranted we still expect further attempts to extend the uptrend in the coming weeks".

But Mr Farrell believed a sustained rise "will need support from lower interest rates to provide the needed liquidity and incentive to shift into stocks".

Short term he said bonds were in a position to rally further, but "a bond recovery or interest rate decline now does not appear to be sustainable beyond the short term."

International Business Machines was 130¼, up ½. General Motors at 78¾ was down ⅛. General Electric at 62⅝ was up ⅛. Teledyne at 260 was up ¾. Texas Instruments at 108½ was down ⅝. American Telephone at 21½ was unchanged.

American Broadcasting was up 1⅛ to 70⅛. CBS was down ¼ at 85½. General Dynamics was up ¼ to 77⅛. VAL was up ⅛ to 46⅜. American Natural Resources are down ⅞ to 61⅛. Castle & Cooke was down 1⅛ to 11⅞. Mickelberry was up 1¼ to 6½ and Boeing fell ⅛ at 63¾.

## COMMODITIES

**LONDON COMMODITY PRICES**
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

**RUBBER**

| | |
|---|---|
| Apr | 755–720 |
| May | 785–765 |
| Jun | 775–740 |
| Jul | 785–750 |
| Aug | 795–760 |
| Sept | 805–770 |
| Oct | 815–780 |
| Nov | 825–790 |
| Dec | 835–800 |
| Apr/Jun | 770–730 |
| Jul/Sep | 800–760 |
| Oct/Dec | 830–790 |
| Vol | Nil |

**SUGAR**

| | |
|---|---|
| May | 113.2–13.0 |
| Aug | 118.8–18.6 |
| Oct | 125.2–25.0 |
| Dec | 132.0–30.6 |
| Mar | 145.0–44.8 |
| May | 150.4–50.0 |
| Aug | 159.6–57.6 |
| Vol | 1704 |

**COCOA**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mar | 2145–44 |
| May | 2121–19 |
| July | 2105–03 |
| Sep | 2020–85 |
| Dec | 2009–08 |
| Mar | 1989–98 |
| May | 2000–92 |
| Vol | 309/4320 |

**COFFEE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mar | 2370–62 |
| May | 2422–20 |
| Jly | 2462–61 |
| Sep | 2490–89 |
| Nov | 2494–90 |
| Jan | 2465–61 |
| Mar | 2450–2400 |
| Vol | 389/2362 |

**GAS OIL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mar | 236.00–35.75 |
| Apr | 223.75–23.50 |
| May | 219.25–19.00 |
| Jne | 218.00–17.50 |
| Jly | 219.00–17.50 |
| Aug | 223.00–17.00 |
| Sep | 226.00–17.00 |
| Oct | 229.00–17.00 |
| Nov | 232.00–17.00 |
| Vol | Nil/1655 |

**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

**COPPER HIGH GRADE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 1278–1280 |
| Three months | 1296–1297 |
| T/O | 8,600 |
| Tone | Easy |

**STANDARD CATHODES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 1269–1271 |
| Three months | 1288–1290 |
| T/O | Nil |
| Tone | Idle |

**TIN STANDARD**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 10135–10140 |
| Three months | 10138–10140 |
| T/O | 315 |
| Tone | Steady |

**TIN HIGH–GRADE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 10135–10140 |
| Three months | 10140–10150 |
| T/O | Nil |
| Tone | Idle |

**LEAD**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 325–326 |
| Three months | 332–333 |
| T/O | 5,200 |
| Tone | Barely Steady |

**ZINC STANDARD**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 821–823 |
| Three months | 804–805 |
| T/O | 3,050 |
| Tone | Easy |

**ZINC HIGH GRADE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 837–840 |
| Three months | 833–835 |
| T/O | 100 |
| Tone | Quiet |

**SILVER LARGE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 515.0–517.0 |
| Three months | 533.0–534.0 |
| T/O | 29 |
| Tone | Easy |

**SILVER SMALL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 515.0–517.0 |
| Three months | 533.0–534.0 |
| T/O | Nil |
| Tone | Idle |

**ALUMINIUM**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 1002.50–1003.50 |
| Three months | 1038.00–1039.00 |
| T/O | 8,500 |
| Tone | Easy |

**NICKEL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 4675–4685 |
| Three months | 4730–4735 |
| T/O | 576 |
| Tone | Easy |

**LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET**
No closing prices.
Tone: Quiet.
Vol: Zero.

**MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:**
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 11:
GB: Cattle, 95.48p per kg lw (–0.15).
GB: Sheep, 192.04p per kg est d c w (+14.25).
GB: Pigs, 79.09p per kg lw (–0.61).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 7.7 per cent, ave. price, 95.65p (–0.04).
Sheep nos. down 2.6 per cent, ave. price, 194.47p (+15.31).
Pig nos. up 0.8 per cent, ave. price, 79.04p (+0.61).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 9.1 per cent, ave. price, 94.07p (–0.99).
Sheep nos. up 24.0 per cent, ave. price, 183.74p (+11.30).
Pig nos. down 23.2 per cent, ave. price, 83.78p (+1.92).

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET**

| Month | Wheat Close | Barley Close |
|---|---|---|
| Mar | £115.35 | £113.70 |
| May | £118.65 | £117.00 |
| Jul | £122.20 | |
| Sep | £98.25 | £97.85 |
| Nov | £101.50 | £101.45 |
| Jan | £105.10 | £104.90 |

Total lots traded
Wheat 422
Barley 91

## APPOINTMENTS

Habitat Mothercare: Mr Chris Turner has been appointed chief executive of The Habitat Group and Miss Pauline Dora has become president of TheConran stores Inc.

Thorn EMI Electronics: Mr Alex Weiss has been appointed export marketing executive.

Thorn EMI Micrologic: Mr Tony Armstrong is now sales director.

Smith St Aubyn (Holdings): Mr Adrian Mark Seymour Fort has been made a director.

Orchard Food Holdings: Mr Roger Latton has been appointed distribution director.

Sucden (UK): M Serge Varsano becomes chairman and M Jean-Jacques Alphandery a director.

Comfin Holdings: Mr Derek Whiting is made chairman and M Max Benhamou, Mr John Botterill, M Elie Coriat and M Claude Semach are appointed directors.

Myson Group: Mr Peter B. Hamilton has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Bardon Hill Group: Mr Peter W G Tom, the managing director, has been made chairman as well, succeeding Mr J Gregory Tom, who remains a director. Mr Fred Warples has become a director.

TI Packaging: Mr Reg Bishop is now managing director. Mr John Downing becomes managing director of TI Packaging Machines.

Wiltshier Southern: Mr Eric Noble has joined the board and also becomes company secretary.

## MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The market had a busy day yesterday as hopes for today's money supply figures, a prediction of early base rate cuts and an encouraging performance by sterling sparked a sharp decline in period rates. In places, they dropped by as much as ½ or ⅝.

The key 3-month interbank term deposit showed a drop in rate of 9/16. The six-month rate was down by 5/16.

Day-to day money stayed expensive throughout. The Bank of England was not able fully to relieve the shortage and rates that held 14½ - ¼ per cent for much of the day, climbed to 16 or 17 per cent in the closing minutes.

**Base Rates %**
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 12½

**Discount Market Loans%**
Overnight: High 14½, Low 14
Week fixed: 14-13⅞

**Treasury Bills (Discount %)**

| Buying | Selling |
|---|---|
| 2 months 13⅞ | 2 months 13½ |
| 3 months 13½ | 3 months 12⅞ |

**Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 13⅞–13¹³/₃₂ | 2 months 13⅞–13¹³/₃₂ |
| 3 months 13⅞–13⅝ | 6 months 12⅝–12 |

**Trade Bills (Discount %)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 14⅜ | 2 months 14⅛ |
| 3 months 13¾ | 6 months 12⅝ |

**Interbank (%)**
Overnight: open 14½–14¼ close 14

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 week 14⅝–14⅜ | 6 months 12⅝–12½ |
| 1 month 14–13¹⁵/₁₆ | 9 months 12⅝–12⅜ |
| 3 months 13¹³/₁₆–13⅝ | 12 months 12⅝–12¼ |

**Local Authority Deposits (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 days 14½ | 7 days 14½ |
| 1 month 14½ | 3 months 13¾ |
| 6 months 12⅝ | 12 months 12⅛ |

**Local Authority Bonds (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 14½–14⅜ | 2 months 14½–14⅜ |
| 3 months 14⅝–14½ | 6 months 13⅞–13¾ |
| 9 months 13⅞–13½ | 12 months 13½–12⅝ |

**Sterling CDs (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 13¹³/₁₆–13⅞ | 3 months 13¹³/₁₆–13¹¹/₁₆ |
| 6 months 12⅝–12½ | 12 months 12⅝–12⅛ |

**Dollar CDs (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 8.70–8.90 | 3 months 9.10–9.00 |
| 6 months 9.75–9.85 | 12 months 10.50–10.30 |

### EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

| | |
|---|---|
| Dollar | call 8⅝–7⅞ |
| 7 days 8⅝–8⅜ | 1 month 8⅝–8½ |
| 3 months 8⅝–8⅜ | 6 months 8⅝–8⅜ |
| Deutschemark | call 5¾–5⅝ |
| 7 days 6⅛–6 | 1 month 6⅛–6 |
| 3 months 6⅛–6 | 6 months 6⅛–6⅛ |
| French Franc | call 11–10 |
| 7 days 10⅝–10⅜ | 1 month 10⅝–10⅜ |
| 3 months 11⅛–11 | 6 months 11⅛–11 |
| Swiss Franc | call 3¾–3½ |
| 7 days 3⅝–3½ | 1 month 3⅝–3½ |
| 3 months 5¹³/₁₆–5¹¹/₁₆ | 6 months 5⅞–5¾ |
| Yen | call 6⅛–5⅞ |
| 7 days 6⅛–6 | 1 month 6⅛–6 |
| 3 months 6⅛–6⅛ | 6 months 6⅛–6 |

### GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$298-300.50 (£275.50-277)
Sovereigns* (new):
$69.50-70.50 (£64-65)
*Excludes VAT

### ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 8 February 1985, to 5 March, 1985, inclusive: 13.883 per cent.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling, in common with other important currencies, had a good day on foreign exchange markets yesterday. Some appreciable profit-taking in the dollar was the main reason for sterling's useful gain, although higher crude oil prices gave a fillip. At the close, the pound recorded a 1.87 cent rise at $1.0880, while its trade-weighted index at the final calculation reached 71.6, a rise of 0.5 points compared with Friday's close. In mark terms as well, the pound finished on the credit side at 3.6335, compared with 3.6275.

Dealers said the change in dollar sentiment was influenced by lower US interest rate trends, but it was mainly uncertainty over US economic recovery prospects that prompted some inter-bank unloading.

**STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES**

| | Market rates day's range March 11 | Market rates close March 11 | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | $1.0770-1.0895 | $1.0870-1.0880 | 0.48-0.46c prem | 1.00-0.97c prem. |
| Montreal | $1.4925-1.5145 | $1.5077-1.5121 | 0.43-0.35c prem | 0.89-0.58c prem. |
| Amsterdam | 4.0993-4.1142fl | 4.1013-4.1142fl | 2½-2¼c prem | 5¾-5¼c prem |
| Brussels | 72.80-73.17f | 72.92-73.17f | 24-19c prem | 49-40c prem |
| Copenhagen | 12.9513-13.0330k | 12.9934-13.0317k | 2¾-1¾ore prem | 6¾-5¼ore prem |
| Dublin | 1.1628-1.1696p | 1.1655-1.1670p | 4 prem-13p disc | 2 prem-42p disc |
| Frankfurt | 3.6202-3.6375m | 3.6268-3.6367m | 2¾-1⅞ pf prem | 6¼-5½ pf prem |
| Lisbon | 199.60-202.72e | 200.54-202.65e | 2½-2¾ e prem | 6¼-5¾ e prem |
| Madrid | 200.85-201.70p | 201.08-201.67p | 20p prem-par | 325 prem-325p disc |
| Milan | 2257.30-2268.45lr | 2258.79-2268.39lr | par-3lr disc | 7-12lr disc |
| Oslo | 10.3630-10.4798k | 10.4318-10.4798k | 1¾-2ore prem | 3¾-2ore prem |
| Paris | 11.0638-11.1145f | 11.0280-11.1200f | 3½-2¾c prem | 5¾-4¾c prem |
| Stockholm | 10.2706-10.3925k | 10.3374-10.3891k | 1¾-1¾ore prem | par-¼ore disc |
| Tokyo | 279.60-282.45y | 281.53-282.34y | 2-1½y prem | 4¾-4y prem |
| Vienna | 25.25-25.50sch | 25.44-25.53sch | 17⅜-16⅛gro prem | 42⅝-39⅝gro prem |
| Zurich | 3.0875-3.1045f | 3.0939-3.1029f | 2½-2¼c prem | 5¾-5¼c prem |

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.5 at 71.6 (day's range 71.6-71.2).

### DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Ireland | 0.9300-0.9330 |
| Singapore | 2.2600-2.2630 |
| Malaysia | 2.5910-2.5940 |
| Australia | 0.7021-0.7031 |
| Canada | 1.3890-1.3910 |
| Sweden | 8.5100-8.5200 |
| Norway | 9.5800-8.5900 |
| Denmark | 11.9200-11.9220 |
| West Germany | 3.3370-3.3390 |
| Switzerland | 2.8460-2.8490 |
| Netherlands | 3.7750-3.7825 |
| France | 10.1900-10.1910 |
| Japan | 259.10-259.25 |
| Italy | 2078-2083 |
| Belgium(Comm) | 57.30-57.35 |
| Hong Kong | 7.8015-7.8013 |
| Portugal | 184.50-187.00 |
| Spain | 185.50-187.00 |
| Austria | 23.44-23.49 |

### OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 312.62-313.19 |
| Australia dollar | 1.5488-1.5525 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.4040-0.4080 |
| Brazil cruzeiro* | 4342.74-4368.49 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7275-0.7375 |
| Finland marka | 7.5075-7.5475 |
| Greece drachma | 162.25-164.25 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 8.4958-8.5053 |
| India rupee | 13.95-14.15 |
| Iraq dinar | nil |
| Kuwait dinar (KD) | 0.3280-0.3320 |
| Malaysia dollar | 2.8215-2.8275 |
| Mexico peso | 235-250 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.2687-2.3069 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 3.8710-3.9110 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.4611-2.4867 |
| South Africa rand | 2.1607-2.1670 |
| United Arab Emirates dirham | 3.9370-3.9770 |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Est Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Three Month Sterling** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 86.50 | 86.62 | 86.48 | 86.61 | 126 |
| Jun 85 | 87.98 | 87.49 | 87.98 | 88.47 | 2089 |
| Sep 85 | 89.00 | 89.10 | 88.90 | 88.98 | 238 |
| Dec 85 | 8.97 | 88.10 | 88.95 | 88.95 | 53 |
| Mar 86 | | | | 88.72 | |
| Previous day's total open interest 5446 | | | | | |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 90.62 | 90.72 | 90.62 | 90.72 | 489 |
| Jun 85 | 89.55 | 89.59 | 89.48 | 89.49 | 4999 |
| Sep 85 | 89.02 | 89.03 | 88.92 | 88.93 | 909 |
| Dec 85 | 88.65 | 88.70 | 88.58 | 88.57 | 373 |
| Mar 86 | | | | 88.31 | |
| Previous day's total open interest 1566 | | | | | |
| **US Treasury Bond** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 69-28 | 69-28 | 69-15 | 69-25 | 40 |
| Jun 85 | 69-00 | 69-01 | 68-232 | 68-25 | 1243 |
| Sep 85 | NT | | | | |
| Dec 85 | NT | | | | |
| Previous day's total open interest 2588 | | | | | |
| **Long Gilt** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 104-28 | 104-31 | 104-26 | 104-30 | 108 |
| Jun 85 | 105-25 | 105-25 | 105-12 | 105-19 | 3360 |
| Sep 85 | | | | 103-26 | 0 |
| Dec 85 | | | | 103-07 | 0 |
| Mar 86 | NT | | | 107-28 | 0 |
| Previous day's total open interest | | | | | |
| **FT-SE 100** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 128.50 | 129.10 | 128.50 | 128.75 | 212 |
| Jun 85 | 129.25 | 129.50 | 129.25 | 129.10 | 22 |
| Mar 86 | | | | 129.45 | 0 |
| Previous day's total open interest 1629 | | | | | |

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1984-85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 178 | 119 | Aberdeen | 178 | .. | 7.5 | 4.2 | .. |
| 101 | 56 | Alba | 101 | .. | 2.0b | 2.0 | .. |
| 686 | 438 | Alliance | 680 | ● –3 | 20.7 | 3.0 | .. |
| 395½ | 258½ | Amer Trust | 153 | ● +½ | 3.6 | 2.4 | .. |
| 302 | 218 | Ang Amer Sec | 300 | ● +2 | 8.5 | 2.8 | .. |
| 430 | 310 | Ashdown | 430 | ● +4 | 11.7 | 2.7 | .. |
| 120 | 75 | Atlantic Assets | 113 | –1 | 2.7 | 2.4 | .. |
| 102 | 67 | Barkers | 102 | .. | 3.5 | 3.4 | .. |
| 194 | 130 | Berry | 181 | .. | 1.4 | 0.7 | .. |
| 173 | 117 | Border & Sthrn | 173 | +1 | 4.7 | 2.7 | .. |
| 107 | 79 | Br Amer Gen | 107 | ● –3 | 3.7 | 3.5 | .. |
| 215 | 140½ | Br Assets | 211 | ● +½ | 9.7b | 4.6 | .. |
| 38½ | 20½ | Br Empire Sec | 28½ | .. | 1.3 | 4.5 | .. |
| 573 | 281 | British Inv | 370 | –8 | 18.8b | 4.9 | .. |
| 75 | 55 | Brunner | 75 | ● .. | 2.3 | 3.0 | .. |
| 87 | 60 | Bunzl Agency | 86 | ● .. | 3.1b | 3.5 | .. |
| 680 | 418 | Continental | 680 | ● +10 | 25.7b | 3.8 | .. |
| 178 | 125 | Crescent Japan | 166 | ● –1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | .. |
| 493 | 275 | Delta | 485 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 119 | 80 | Derby Inc | 100 | .. | 10.2 | 10.2 | .. |
| 104 | 80 | Do Cap | 100 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 295 | 241 | Drayton Cons | 282 | .. | 12.7 | 4.4 | .. |
| 148 | 98 | Drayton Far East | 142 | ● –1 | 1.8 | 1.1 | .. |
| 430 | 282 | Drayton Japan | 415 | ● –1 | 8.8 | 0.9 | .. |
| 412 | 286 | Drayton Premier | 406 | ● .. | 18.2 | 4.5 | .. |
| 174 | 140 | Dundee Ldn | 173 | .. | 5.7 | 3.3 | .. |
| 117 | 87 | Edinburgh | 115 | –½ | 3.7 | 3.2 | .. |
| 250 | 210 | Electric Gen | 250 | .. | 4.8b | 1.7 | .. |
| 251 | 192 | English Int | 251 | .. | 9.8b | 3.8 | .. |
| 78 | 52 | English Scot | 77 | .. | 1.8 | 2.3 | .. |
| 106 | 69 | English Trust | 105 | .. | 3.5 | 3.3 | .. |
| 95 | 69 | F & C Alliance | 95 | +1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | .. |
| 167 | 117 | F&C Pacific | 160 | .. | 5.0b | 3.1 | .. |
| 206 | 162 | Fleming | 205 | ● +2½ | 9.9 | 4.9 | .. |
| 279 | 194 | First Scot Amer | 278 | ● +2½ | 12.9b | 4.7 | .. |
| 245 | 160 | First Un Gen | 170 | ● .. | 8.7 | 5.1 | .. |
| 360 | 242 | Fleming American | 360 | ● .. | 7.5 | 1.9 | .. |
| 260 | 185 | Fleming Claver | 254 | ● +2 | 12.4 | 4.9 | .. |
| 280 | 185 | Fleming Enterprise | 264 | ● +2 | 11.1 | 4.2 | .. |
| 328 | 228 | Fleming Far East | 314 | ● +4 | 2.9 | 0.9 | .. |
| 188 | 83 | Fleming Fledgling | 188 | ● +2 | 3.6 | 2.5 | .. |
| 388 | 300 | Fleming Japan | 388 | ● –3 | 4.3 | 1.1 | .. |
| 117 | 80 | Fleming Mercantile | 116 | ● +1½ | 4.3 | 3.7 | .. |
| 134 | 82 | Fleming Overseas | 125 | –4 | 3.3b | 2.7 | .. |
| 163 | 118½ | Fleming Tech | 163 | +1 | 3.1 | 1.9 | .. |
| 334 | 215 | Fleming Universal | 333 | +1 | 9.6 | 2.9 | .. |
| 148 | 99 | For Col | 144 | ● +1 | 3.6 | 2.5 | .. |
| 121 | 88 | GBC Capital | 117 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 186 | 120 | GT Japan | 177 | ● –4 | 2.0b | 1.1 | .. |
| 610 | 453 | General Funds | 610 | ● +10 | 13.6 | 2.2 | .. |
| 267 | 184 | General Cons | 257 | ● +1 | 13.1 | 5.1 | .. |
| 122 | 77 | Glasgow Stock | 122 | ● .. | 2.9 | 2.4 | .. |

| 1984-85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 278 | 197 | Globe | 275 | +7 | 12.9 | 4.7 | .. |
| 216 | 176 | Greenfriar | 216 | ● +1 | 2.3 | 1.1 | .. |
| 225 | 167½ | Greenham House | 220 | .. | 2.7 | 1.2 | .. |
| 163 | 114 | Hambros | 163 | +2 | 5.4 | 3.3 | .. |
| 254 | 167 | Hill (P) | 248 | .. | 13.2 | 5.3 | .. |
| 338 | 260 | Invest-in Success | 333 | ● –1 | 7.8 | 1.5 | .. |
| 295 | 215 | Inv Cap | 295 | ● +1 | 7.8 | 2.6 | .. |
| 64½ | 45 | Japan Assets | 60 | +½ | 0.1 | 0.1 | .. |
| 322 | 215 | Lake View | 322 | +1 | 8.4 | 2.6 | .. |
| 191 | 130 | Law Debenture | 191 | .. | 7.1b | 3.7 | .. |
| 238 | 164 | Law Merchant Sec | 230 | +2 | 2.2 | 1.0 | .. |
| 197 | 71 | Lon Trust | 195 | –3 | 3.9 | 2.7 | .. |
| 88 | 70 | Merchants | 88 | +1 | 5.4b | 5.5 | .. |
| 174 | 121 | Monks | 174 | +4 | 3.4b | 2.0 | .. |
| 118 | 85 | Murray Income | 118 | ● –1 | 6.4b | 5.2 | .. |
| 88 | 67 | Murray Growth | 87 | ● .. | 2.0 | 2.1 | .. |
| 134 | 86 | Murray Ind | 130 | ● –1 | 6.4b | 4.9 | .. |
| 189 | 122 | Murray Small | 188 | ● –1 | 3.3 | 1.8 | .. |
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# PC launch starts a challenge to IBM

**From David Sanger, New York**

After a rocky entry into the computer business last year, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is looking to a new organization, a new leader, and – later this month – a distinctive new personal computer as it struggles to compete with IBM.

A T & T has long been regarded as a major contender in the computer market, because of its unparalleled telecommunications experience, its innovative Bell Laboratories and its hefty wallet. But the company's executives admit the drive in its first year to challenge IBM on its own turf has largely failed.

Some executives say the company is overcoming the internal chaos caused by the firm's split and misdirected marketing strategies.

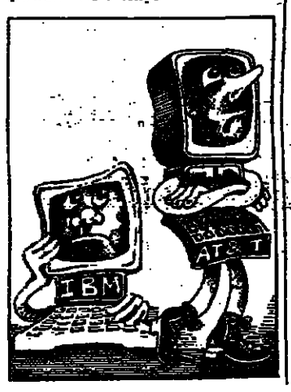
Industry experts, however, still need to be convinced. The company's problem, they contend, lies in its desire to live in an IBM-dominated world, yet develop computers with its own distinctive style.

Last summer the company introduced its first personal computer, the IBM-compatible PC 6300. This was built to take advantage of the huge software base available for IBM machines, but offered little to distinguish itself from IBM's own PCs.

A T & T officials said following IBM was the only way to enter the market quickly. But so far the computer has flopped.

Later this month A T & T will announce an overhaul of the machine to make it more like IBM's faster, more-powerful PC-AT along with a low-cost local area network similar to Apple computer's Appletalk to connect the machines.

But American Telephone and Telegraph is also introducing, at long last, a machine of its own design, the PC 7300, a speedy innovative machine that allows four users to tap its powers at once – nine users for tasks that do not spread its processing powers too thinly.




The heart of the 7300 is Motorola's super-fast 68010 microprocessor, not the Intel chips that mark the IBM line and the first American Telegraph machine, built by Olivetti. The 7300 has a high-resolution graphics screen and will come with 512,000 characters of internal memory, expandable to two million. The base price will be about $5,000.

Users will see a screen that looks much like the one on Apple's Macintosh and they can point to pictures, known as icons, to perform certain tasks.

The 7300, which will include a built in telephone, will become the flagship machine in A T & T efforts to establish its own operating system, called Unix, in the office market.

Until now *Unix* has been popular chiefly among programmers and college students working on large computers, but not among personal computer users who rarely want to tinker with the machines innards.

As a result, virtually none of the major applications programs written for personal computers – spreadsheets and word processors, games and communications programs – currently run in what the industry calls a Unix environment.

Thus, despite their enthusiasm for the new computer, both computer dealers and others in the industry fear that unless A T & T can make a host of such programs available as soon as the 7300 is announced, the computer may never become popular.

# All change at the Exchange

There is nothing better than a multi-million pound development to give impetus to an industry. The new electronic systems being developed for the stock exchange, which at least in part, should be in place by the end of next year, could provide much needed momentum for a sluggish information technology industry.

The abolition of the distinction between jobbers, who deal as principals, and brokers, who act as dealing agents for their clients, calls for dramatic changes in work practices. Much of the trading will, in future, be done electronically.

The Stock Exchange Automated Quotation System (SEA) will be the electronic backbone of the new system.

The system at the Exchange is still in the embryonic stage since there are many technical and procedural problems still to be overcome. However, they offer an unrivalled challenge to British manufacturers and software houses. ICL, Britain's IT flagship, is developing networks for Exchange members based on its own personal computers. But the others must respond since IBM, as expected, is poised, to make a substantial impact on the hardware and software for the new dealing network.

The British Microcomputer Manufacturers Group say, which had been one of the opponents of the IBM/BT marriage, made a rally cry to the industry last week.

The BMMG made no reference to the Stock Exchange transition but emphasised that British manufacturers must develop good quality, comprehensive software, and ensure that their work-stations can be easily interconnected. Otherwise, warned the group, the danger was seen of a single dominent supplier, IBM, producing their own design and controlling the marketplace to the disadvantage of both users and independent manufacturers alike'.

The Stock Exchange project must not be dominated by foreign suppliers but must be seized upon as an opportunity for the British IT sector to develop. According to computer expert Archie Reed at Merchant Bankers Hill Samuel: "The volume of trading on the floor (of the Stock Exchange) will diminish and will be replaced by off-floor trading wiith telephones and screens".

THE WEEK

**By Bill Johnstone**
*Technology Correspondent*

The new electronic driven exchange will substantially increase that competition – and in theory a member of the Exchange with the appropriate terminal and intercontinental telecommunications link can keep abreast of the activities and information of the Exchange computers from anywhere in the world. That could revolutionize London dealing habits and potentially could give British business involved in the project an international market for their products.

The specialist publication *Banking Technology* has just completed a comprehensive study of the potential in the Stock Exchange system. It firmly concludes: "For the first time the City will be truly open to competition from overseas, not only from foreign brokers, but from the new generation of electronic markets which can now be accessed from anywhere in the world using a simple terminal and telecommunication lines.

"Foreign institutions, especially the giant Wall Street institutions, have already been exposed to competitive forces to which they have reacted by installing computerized trading systems. They can therefore offer a better service to their customers that their British counterparts, provide more information, trade at better prices, and still remain profitable through increased volume and operational efficiency."

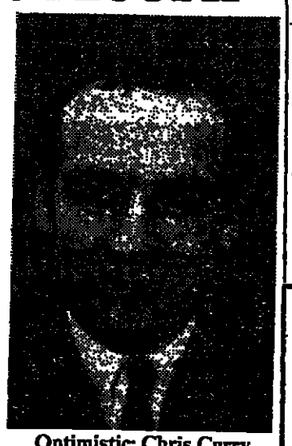
The Exchange project is a flagship programme that can drive and inspire the UK computer and telecommunications industry. It must not allow the opportunity to slip by and lose an unprecedented opportunity right on its doorstep.

# Car and shares sale helps clear debts at Acorn

**By Maggie McLening**

Directors' cars were the first to go, investments in fellow technology companies the last, in the recovery of British micro manufacturer Acorn Computers. Managing director Christopher Curry now drives a modest Metro instead of a Jaguar, and he is reluctantly seeking sympathetic buyers for Acorn's 31.7 per cent interest in Torus Systems and 11.9 per cent stake of I.Q. (Bio).

Acorn's future looks much brighter thanks to Olivetti, but 120 jobs must still go. Mr Curry said: "When you are forced to make people redundant you have to show that you're doing everything possible to raise funds in other areas."



Optimistic: Chris Curry

Acorn shareholders are being called to an extraordinary general meeting on March 28 to vote on rescue plans. The main item on the agenda will be the Olivetti deal, which will give the Italian manufacturer a 49.3 per cent share of Acorn in return for a cash injection of £10.4 million, plus the option of increasing the stake to 50.1 per cent by 1990.

Negotiations with creditors with Acorn's debts have resulted in major suppliers, such as AB Electronics, BSR(UK), Race Electronics and Wangs Electronics, agreeing to accept payment by instalment up to February 1986.

Mr Curry believes that his experience is typical of what small British technology companies are facing, and that the worst is yet to come for those still going it alone.

"When we started there was room for lots of small players but computers have now become a major consumer business. Now, unless they form liaisons with bigger companies, the small people won't survive. The market has got IBM and the Japanese: unless Europe puts together an alternative, there won't be anything else at all", he explained.

Acorn in particular appears to have been a victim of its own success. Mr Curry says that he and Dr Hauser originally envisaged it growing "to about 60 or 70 people, which we could have managed comfortably". Instead, demand for the BBC micro and the two founders' enthusiasm for research and development forced Acorn's staff up to 400.

Nevertheless, Mr Curry insists tht plans were on schedule until November last year, when orders were placed to cater for the anticipated Christmas boom. Not until Mid-January did Acorn's directors realise the extent of their difficulties, when they saw the Christmas sales figures and tried to balance them against the bill from suppliers. In retrospect, Mr Curry says that if Acorn had cut the price of the Electron in November instead of in February, targets would probably have been met; a view reflected by the latest *Which* consumer report, placing the Electron as top value for money in the home market.

The merchant banker, Lazards, who had taken Acorn to the USM, put forward emergency proposals that resulted in their sacking. According to Mr Curry, Lazards suggested selling "anything up to the whole company" to GEC, something none of the directors found acceptable. Firstly, the two founders wished to retain an interest, albeit a reduced one, in Acorn, and secondly, GEC was not felt to be complementary or beneficial, except in financial terms.

After parting company with Lazards, Mr Curry and Dr Hauser were introduced to Close Brothers, the small bank who brought software house Logica to the USM last year. Although Close Brothers had never before staged a rescue (Mr Curry prefers to call it a "refinancing") operation, they came up with a compromise solution and several alternative purchasers.

"Time was critical and Olivetti was the only company who could move fast, mainly because they are fairly autocratic and there was only one person – Carlo Benedetti – to make the decision. Despite Curry's well-known patriotic views, he does not agree with friend and arch-rival Sir Clive Sinclair that a national saviour would have been preferable.

"I'm not disappointed that we didn't have a British rescuer because this means that we are now into Europe. Olivetti plus Acorn will be a formidable combination, and we shall expect a substantial percentage of future revenues to come from Italy, with the BBC a top-selling product there. Unfortunately, most government contracts in Europe tend to be awarded in the national interest, so in the past we have had to look at local assembly. Now there is a good chance that Olivetti will already be in that country, to enable their government requirements to be met," said Mr Curry.

The Italian education market is an obvious initial target for Acorn, and many of Acornsoft's educational and games packages have already been translated. Part of Mr Curry's new role

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## UK Events

**Scottish Computer Show and Conference**, Anderston Centre, Glasgow, today until Thursday (01 891 5051).

**Info 85**, Olympia, London, March 26-28, (01 647 1001).

**6809 Colour Show**, Royal Horticultural Hall, London, March 30-31 (01 930 1612).

**London Festival of Computing**, various venues, April 9-20, (01 240 8206).

**Festival Fair**, Central Hall, Westminster, April 18-20, (01 240 8206).

**Computer Assisted Learning Exhibition**, East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham, April 11-13.

## Overseas Events

**Personal Computer Show**, Sydney, tomorrow until Saturday.

**Personal Computer Show**, Amsterdam, March 21-24.

**COMDEX/WINTER**, Anaheim, United States, March 21-24.

**COMDEX/JAPAN**, Harumi Centre, Tokyo, March 26-28.

**Softcon**, Georgia World Congress Centre, Atlanta, March 31-April 3.

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# Students cash in on cut-price Apples

By Geof Wheelwright

**Apple Computer has long been keen on branding its Macintosh computer as a household name. But some American universities have taken the whole thing rather literally and have been seen brandishing soldering irons and hot pokers at the machines.**

**The branding, reported recently in the American computer press, is to prevent student-price Macintoshes at US universities being sold to non-students. Branding is the protection measure used at the University of Michigan where each student-priced Macintosh sold bears a 1½in sq seal burned ⅛in into its rear.**

**The problem is Apple's policy of offering Macintoshes to university students at almost half retail prices (often around $1,000) in towns where local computer dealers are still selling at regular retail prices. This has led to some quite stern measures by universities trying to curb the tendency of students to "flip" Macintoshes for pocket money.**

**At Carnegie-Mellon College, for example, students can be expelled from university for selling a cut-price Macintosh for profit. All students buying the machines are required to sign an agreement saying they will not sell the machines for two years.**

**Despite these problems, the universities have gobbled up the low-cost Macs. Drexel University requires all incoming students to buy Macs and all Drexel course work assumes the ownership of such a machine. And the University of Texas estimates sales of 15,000 machines in the next year.**

**Apple is hoping that when Ivy League students have spent three or four years using the machines at university, they'll want to continue that use.**

# Japan squeezes into mainframe market

**By Kevan Pearson**

The Japanese computer industry last week announced its answer to IBM's large mainframe launch in February. And the announcements, from Hitachi and NEC, added fuel to the view that by 1990 only IBM and Japan will be making large mainframe computers.

Of the two announcements, the one from Hitachi is more important as the two new computers will be compatible with IBM's large mainframes and are directly comparable with IBM's Sierra machines, launched in February. Sierra comprises two large mainframes, one running at about 28 million instructions per second (mips) and one at around 50 mips.

The major differences between the Japanese computers and the IBM model is that IBM's smaller machine is really two closely coupled smaller computers. Its large system, available in 1987, will comprise four closely coupled central processors. The smaller Hitachi computer is a single unit and the larger one comprises two tightly coupled central processing units.

The Japanese machines will be sold in Europe by BASF Computers – a division of the West German chemicals giant – and National Advanced Systems, a subsidiary of the US chip maker National Semiconductor. Shipments are expected to start in 1986. Hitachi does not sell its own mainframes in Europe.

NEC launched what is claims is the most powerful general purpose mainframe computer in the world. Called the Acos 1500, it is said to run at 37 mips.

But it will not run IBM programs and so is not likely to appeal to the majority of businesses who use IBM software. IBM's share of the mainframe market is estimated to be over 76 per cent and is still growing. The non-IBM share is declining, but there are persistent rumours that NEC may add IBM compatibility to its range some time in the future. To do that it would need to link up with a company with IBM experience. NEC's current links are with Honeywell and the French computer manufacturer, Bull.

Japan's apparent lead in the technology stakes is pushing many established computer companies towards using Japan as a giant manufacturing plant. Honeywell, one of the oldest mainframe companies in business, already sells large NEC mainframes under its own label. And ICL, the UK's own mainframe company, has a joint venture with Fujitsu. Japan's largest computer manufacturer under which that latter will make a substantial proportion of ICL's next generation of mainframes which should be launched later this year.

But IBM's dominance in the mainframe market caused some US computer industry consultants to say there is no real future for non-IBM mainframes. According to Mr Philip Dorm several customers from other manufacturers convert to IBM each year.

Mr Stephen McClellan, in his book *The Coming Computer Industry Shake-out*, also casts doubt on the future of the non-IBM mainframe manufacturers. "The world does not need five incompatible computer mainframe vendors," he wrote.

"Business will diminish. By 1990 two of the five will not be out of the mainframe business."

His favourites for departure are Honeywell and NCR. Indeed, NCR, formerly National Cash Register, has already diversified out of mainframes.

Indeed NCR, formerly National Cash Register, has already diversified out of mainframes, and Sperry is looking for a buyer.

# Horror of the automatic home

**By Celia Kemsley**

So at last we are going to have fully computerized homes (Computer Horizons, February 5.) It has long been my dream.

I shall not have to scrabble in my handbag to look for my door keys; the front door will operate on voice recognition. No need to grope along the hall looking for the light switch. Give a shout in the direction of the windows and they will open.

My dream runs riot when I think of programming the vacuum cleaner but as yet I am unable to see how the system can help me to change the bedding and do the dusting – I am sure the boffins will think of something. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the computer could check the store cupboard, plan the menu and order the provisions? But I suppose we should still have to do the actual creation of the dish ourselves.

Some uneasiness starts to enter this bright and happy world. Isn't there such a thing as a computer crash? I remember how 50,000 words of a great literary masterpiece were lost without trace – I was never able to recreate them.

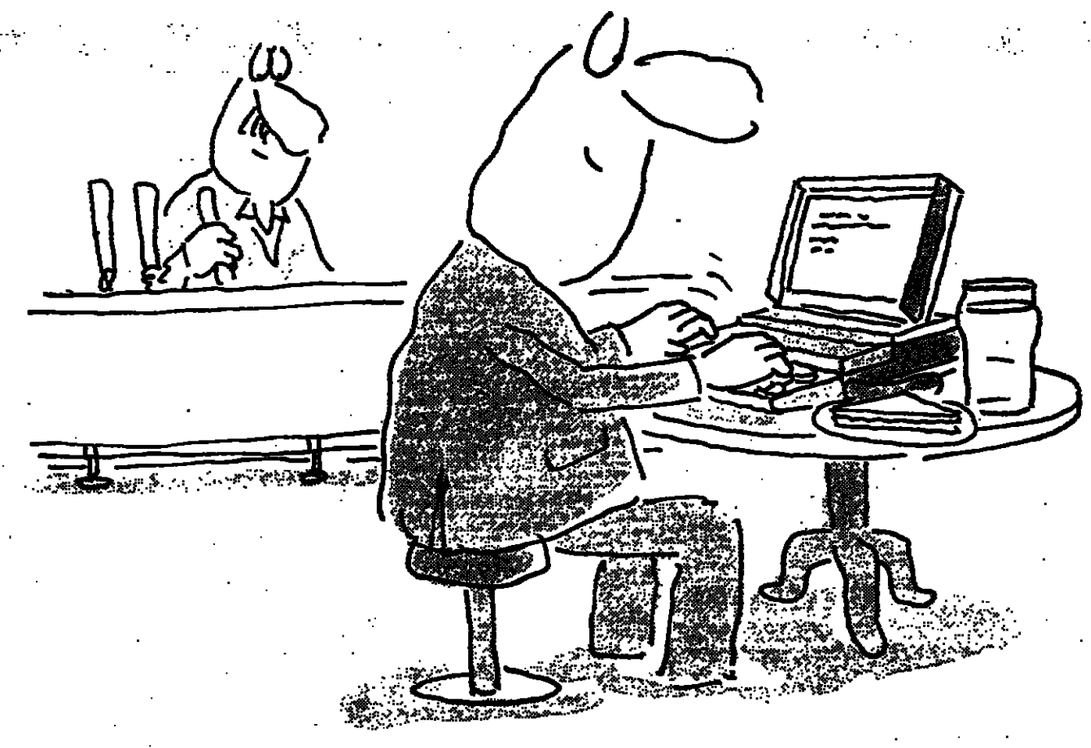
I could be happily sitting in my fully computerized flat when the system crashed. The doors and windows would not open and the telephone would be inoperable. The central heating would start running at full throttle, the lights would flash on and off and electrical appliances would start working of their own accord. I would be trapped in my own little computerized environment.

I bang on the door but no one can hear me. I try the windows but I am on the third floor above a busy street and no one looks up. I go back to the telephone but it is dead. I'm getting hot: I start to peel off my clothes.

I must drink something but the computer-controlled water supply is shut off and there's just one bottle of pop in the fridge. The air is starting to get stale. My simulated alpine fresh air is just not there any longer.

Days pass. Surely someone will miss me. I am getting weaker. I've tried everything I can think of and looked through the computer manuals a million times. Is this the way to snuff it in a computerized world?

Suddenly I am struck by a novel idea. Dare I do it? Have I the courage? I'm desperate no. With heart in mouth, I move forward to pull out the plug....

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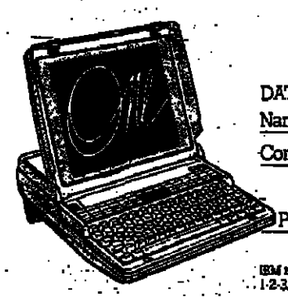
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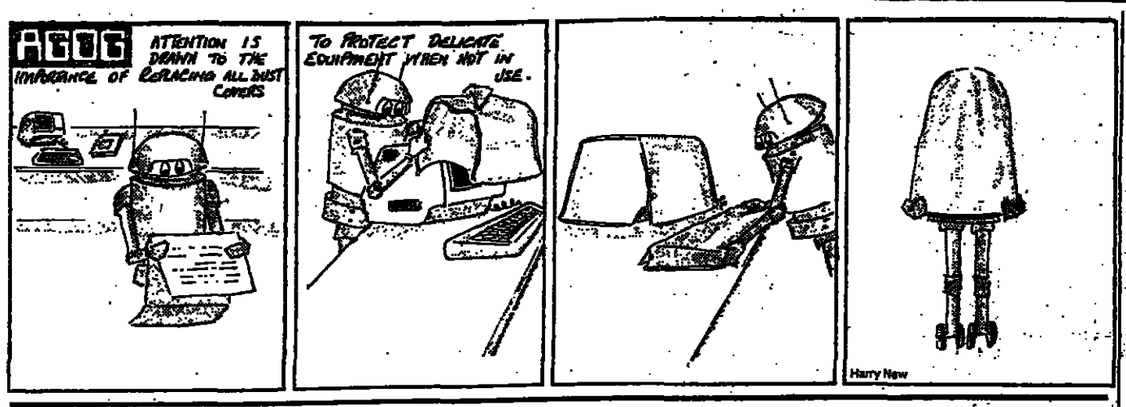
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# An Adams guide to a galaxy of games

By Mike Gerrard

The arrival of *Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* as a computer adventure has been greeted with justifiable glee by those lucky enough to get a copy, but the main reason why this is without doubt the best adventure ever seen on a computer has been overlooked – it is the first time an honest-to-goodness real author, rather than a computer programmer-author, has been directly involved in the writing of an adventure.

In the future the writing of an adventure game may be as valid to an author as the writing of a radio play or short story.


Douglas Adams: Hitching his star to a computer adventure

## The theme takes in science fiction

The traditional text-only adventure began life as a diversion for mainframe programmers about 10 years ago, using the computer's power to store vast amounts of information and manipulate text in order to involve the player in the unfolding of a story.

Your surroundings are described on the screen, and you tell the computer what you would like to do next, whether it's Go West, Open the Door, Examine the Floor, or whatever. The program responds by describing the new situation, while you try and achieve whatever task you have been set.

Although the first few adventures were, and indeed the majority still are, sub-Tolkien derivatives, involving quests for treasures with healthy dollops of trolls, dwarves and magic, the themes in the past few years have expanded to take in science fiction, detection, thrillers and even political satire in *Denis Through the Drinking Glass*.

When Melbourne House went back to the roots of adventures and produced a faithful but obviously limited computer adaptation of Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, it also set a trend for the conversion of books into adventure games.

While writers such as Conan Doyle and Rider Haggard might be excused for their lack of active participation in the computerization of their works, other modern authors whose books have been used, such as Ray Bradbury and Michael Moorcock, have given little more than their seal of approval to the projects.

Douglas Adams, however, took an active interest from the start when he was approached by Infocom, America's leading adventure software house, which also claims 40 per cent of Britain's disc adventure market, with a view to doing an adventure based on his *Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

He had already discovered computers and adventure games, including Infocom's, and he saw the creative potential, which is still largely untapped by authors outside the computer field.

Infocom calls its software Interactive Fiction, and the degree of sophistication to which it aspires can be achieved only by producing the material on disc alone, requiring a program of maybe 300K rather than the 30K-50K of current tape-based games.

The extra disc capacity and lack of memory-consuming graphics means that when playing an Infocom adventure you can actually interact with other characters in the story, asking them questions, trying to persuade them to do things for you, and so on.

The complexity involved in writing the program rather than simply the storyline and text, however, means that authors who work in other areas are unlikely to be attracted to the computer adventure. At the moment it is like asking the author of a radio play not only to produce the script but also to supervise the recording, read the voices and sweep out the studio afterwards.

Many authors are reluctant to switch from typewriters to word processing, let alone getting involved in what you can actually do with a computer in terms of fiction entertainment. Adams is one of the few who have seen the creative possibilities, and while *Hitch Hiker's Guide* on the computer still only derives from the *Guide* as seen in every other medium known to man, it cannot be long before someone of Adams's standing produces an original piece of work for the computer.

Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy *is published by Infocom and distributed in Britain by Softsel for the Macintosh, Apple II, DEC Rainbow, IBM-PC and CP/M-86 systems at £34.50, and for the Commodore 64 and Atari at £30.20.*

# Acorn clears the debts

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with Acorn, since the company is about to appoint a new group managing director, is to form tactical links with overseas governments and key orgainzations in the same way that he did in Britain with the BBC and Department of Trade and Industry.

"The BBC scheme has been watched all over Europe and there is a very good chance that we will see it replicated," Mr Curry predicted. The Italian broadcasting company RAI is at present considering a similar project.

Another of Mr Curry's principle responsibilities is the Communicator, an integrated communications terminal, which he is confident will be a key product. "It needs little additional software and has universal appeal", he said. Due to start shipping in May the Communicator will be sold under other manufacturers' labels.

Conceding that small European companies "may survive in specialist niches", Mr Curry warned that "as soon as the niches become profitable, the big companies will move in, in the same way that IBM moved into micros". He suggested that IBM could be counteracted by "creating powerful combinations of European companies with a range of accepted standards".

"None of the British companies is in a position to provide these, despite having a very large part of world technical expertise within them. Whatever is done towards creating standards must be done very soon: it's really a case of speed up or give up," he commented.

● Acorn is denying a story in trade weekly *Computer News* that it is to sign an order with telecommunications company Plessey for several thousand of its so far unveiled Communicator micro. A wholesale price of £600 is quoted for the 128K computer with built-in phone and as such it would compare well with the similar One Per Desk micro from ICL.

# High skills but still low pay

JOB SCENE

By Boris Sedacca

Despite the computer industry's talk of a skills shortage, the salaries of those with the skills are rising no faster than for jobs in other fields, such as marketing and finance, according to a National Computing Centre survey.

The NCC report shows that in fact the rise in 1984 in computer-industry salaries was slightly lower, between 6.5 and 7 per cent, compared with 7 to 7.5 per cent in 1983.

The difference between salaries in the public and private sectors is not as marked as might be expected, given the received wisdom that staff in the public sector quickly get poached by the lure of higher salaries in the private sector once they have received their first break and gained a year or two's experience.

Eleven job categories in the private sector have higher average salaries than in the public sector. For eight of these, the differences is more than £500. Of the nine job categories which have higher salaries in the public sector, only three have average salaries which are £500 or more above the average for the same job category in the private sector.

IBM installations are generally higher paid than ICL, especially for IBM heads of management services and data processing managers, who tend to get much better paid than those working on ICL equipment.

The NCC believes that if the forecasts of respondents to its survey are correct, salary increases in 1985 will be about 6 per cent. It adds: "However, in the past, estimates have tended to be conservative so it is quite possible that salary increases in 1985 will be of the same order as those in 1984.

"If predictions are correct, the differential between the public sector and the other industry groups is going to widen even further. Increases in the public, scientific and professional services group are expectd to be between 4 and 5 per cent whereas in other industries, forecasts range between 5 and 8.4 per cent."

**AVERAGE COMPUTER SALARIES (DECEMBER 1984)**

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| 1 | Head of management services | £19,126 |
| 2 | DP manager | £15,392 |
| 3 | chief systems analyst | £14,803 |
| 4 | chief analyst programmer | £14,096 |
| 5 | chief programmer | £13,285 |
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| 7 | database controller | £11,913 |
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| 12 | senior programmer | £10,598 |
| 13 | network controller | £10,408 |
| 14 | analyst programmer | £9,291 |
| 15 | shift leader/senior operator | £8,292 |
| 16 | programmer | £8,090 |
| 17 | data preparation | £6,815 |
| 18 | computer operator | £6,581 |
| 19 | junior/trainee programmer | £6,370 |
| 20 | data preparation staff | £5,205 |

Source: NCC, *Survey of Salaries and Fringe Benefits in Computing*, price £85.

# All-round eavesdropping with an everyday TV

By Jonathan Drori

Every day, countless computer terminals display sensitive data. A recent demonstration of the BBC-TV's *Tomorrow's World* programme cast grave doubts on the privacy of this information. Equipment mounted in a discreetly parked van displayed a perfectly readable copy of a letter being typed on a word-processor in a large office block several hundred feet away.

The principle of such eavesdropping is straighforward. Electronic systems frequently cause radio interference and as any radio ham will confirm, the computer is no exception. This interference is not random. For example, near-perfect replicas of the video signal conveying information to the screen of a terminal can be radiated at very high frequencies. These harmonics can be decoded using a familiar piece of equipment specially designed to deal with weak video signals such as an ordinary television set.

Minor modifications and some cheap external components are required for a stable picture. This is because of the different standards used for computer terminals and broadcast television. The only other requisite is a good antenna.

That the total cost of this equipment can be less than £100 has been causing alarm among many computer users. Some users have recently spent a lot of money protecting their commercial secrets by encrypting data before it is sent down telephone lines, but this method reads the information directly from the screen before it is coded. Of course, the data need not be text – the designs of next year's computer-modelled motor cars are just as vulnerable. Hospitals often store patient's records on computers and the terminals by which these are accessed may well be insecure.

The 1984 Data Protection Act gives individuals the right to compensation for unauthorized disclosure of personal data. The Act also specifies that the directors of a company not taking "appropriate security measure" to protect, say its personnel files, are themselves liable to prosecution. Exactly what "appropriate" entails is a cause of great confusion.

Cheap screening methods sufficient to foil the amateur eavesdropper would be unlikely to deter the determined professional with sophisticated equipment and perhaps the resources of a government at his disposal. In order that no one at all should be able to reconstitute information from a remote VDU, its radio frequency shielding must be exceptionally efficient. The Nato standard for such shielding is called Tempest.

Details of the standard, which originates in the US, are highly classified. No hint must be given to an enemy of possible weaknessesin ones electro-magnetic defence. Various techniques are used to build secure equipment and most of these rely on the screening properties of what is called a Faraday Cage. The principle in this context is that if a perfectly conducting layer completely encloses a source of electric energy, none of that energy will be detectable outside.

In general terms, a metal casing for the equipment and a fine metal mesh over the screen would be required. Signals on all external cables would have to be filtered. Sometimes a Faraday Cage is built around a whole installation, allowing the equipment inside the room to be less sophisticated. The floor, walls and ceiling are clad in metal with double metal doors. Ventilation can be provided via conducting honeycomb gratings.

All this is expensive but those whose data is of importance to national security must spend the money. Military installations and government departments like GCHQ have had Tempest-approved equipment for some time. However, most computer users, who were confronted with the problem only last month, must now decide how much investment in screening is necessary.

Some equipment radiates much more than others. Manufacturers, by making minor modifications to the design of their terminals could drastically reduce the amount of spurious radiation. A coating of conductive spray on the inside of plastic-cased VDUs may be enough to stymie the amateur.

For now, though, even £100 worth of easily obtainable bits and pieces will gain easy access to information on terminals all over the country. Directors and project leaders at several of these electronics giants have expressed surprise that eavesdropping can be so easy. Their estimates of the cost of the equipment were thousands of times greater than actually required. The Ministry of Defence has now asked the BBC for copies of the programme "for training purposes".

Amid the concern, companies in the shielding business are hawking their wares to banks and hospitals, to small-businesses and multinationals in gleeful anticipation of a busy year.

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# The games that aim to aid the starving

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ Soft-Aid, a compilation of computer games with the proceeds going to Ethiopia famine relief, is now on sale. Sixteen software houses have supplied games for the product which is being published in two versions – one for the Spectrum and the other for the Commodore 64. Every tape contains 10 games and costs £4.99.

Those involved in production, duplication and distribution have also agreed to waive profit margins. The project's organizer, Rod Cousens, of Quicksilva, says that at least 23 from every sale will go to Bob Geldof's appeal through the Band Aid Trust. Initial sales of 40,000 are expected.

■ The first regular on-line chat show will be launched by Micronet next week. Celebrity Chatline, which starts its weekly slot on Wednesday evening will allow micro users to interview and chat with a range of computer personalities. Micronet editor David Babsky will go to the celebrities' homes, where he will input the answers to subscribers' questions using a pre-formatted response frame.

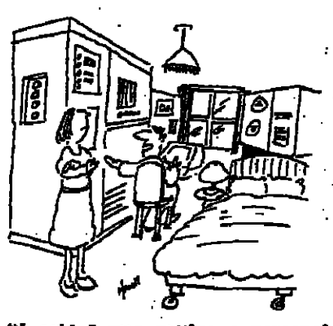
The new service will be similar to the Late Night Chatline, one of Prestel's most popular pages for accessing (almost two million in January).

■ A new way has been found to stop hackers – computer security based on a person's unique voice pattern, not just a set of codes. The Voice Operated Computerized Identification System (VOCIS) will free a terminal, system or particular file only when the user's voice pattern has been accepted. The Belgian firm GET, which devised VOCIS, also developed the voice recognition technology for protecting many of the sensitive nuclear, defence and aerospace plants and buildings in the Benelux countries.

"The voice is the most secure means of identification of all", said a GET spokesman. "It cannot be faked, stolen or imitated". Once the computer accepts a voice print a user can log on to his terminal in the usual manner. A special version of this terminal is the T200 access control system which can be called up over the telephone by a remote user.

■ Apple Computer shut three manufacturing plants yesterday for a week to clear what it describes as an "inventory glut" on retailers' shelves. The factories affected are Dallas, Freemont and Cork. Staff were asked to take the week as part of their paid annual leave. John Sculley, the company president, had previously announced that retailers were overstocked with the Macintosh and Apple II.

Apple is also suffering from several recent resignations in the United States by senior and middle managers and top engineers. One cause is disillusionment in the Apple II division as the company is concentrating on getting the Macintosh sold into the office market.



**"I said I was getting a personal computer. Who said anything about a micro?"**

■ A computerized permanent traffic monitoring system is being introduced in Sweden by the National Road Administration. Traffic parameters will appear on a display panel at the administration's head office. The data will include axle loads, vehicle weight, vehicle type, speed and direction. The information will even show which lane of a road is being used.

The new system, designed to improve traffic planning and road maintenance, will include 41 permanent stations around Sweden, 16 with weighing equipment consisting of plates built in the road. Every plate is individually coupled to the registration unit. The plates and other censors send information to a storage unit in the registration equipment which is then forwarded every 24 hours to the head office computer.

■ Li Jungkai, director of the non-governmental China Information Research Institute has solved the logistical problem of how China will ever enter the computer age with a written language of 6,000 commonly used characters. He claims to have developed a new system that codes the eight strokes comprising all Chinese characters into a computer-ready format which also allows an operator to input other languages. The system has received a British patent.

Nearly a hundred Chinese scholars, linguists and engineers have tested the new system and say it is workable, calling it an "exciting new development in computerizing the Chinese language". It requires only an eight-key mini-keyboard and encodes strokes and programmes the computer to reconstruct character information entered by the operator. According to Chinese press reports he received £161,290 for patent rights.

■ The first international business competition to use microcomputers Markstrat '85, has started with more than a hundred teams from some of Europe's top companies. They will decide the strategy for the first year of operation of a dummy company and send their answers to France on floppy disc. The simulation centres on an industry which manufactures and markets a consumer durable product.

# Growing IBM gets the blame for shrinking profits

From Jan Katz
San Francisco

IBM's rapid expansion is causing a major problem for the computer industry by driving down profit levels and forcing companies out of business, says the head of the industry's leading group of analysts.

Gideon Gartner, president of the Gartner Group, told a technology conference for financial analysts in San Francisco: "The good news is that computer industry growth is now up at around 18 per cent per year after spending the last two decades at a not unrespectable 15 per cent. The bad news is that profit margins are down and the risk factor is up."

He continued: "Some may say that we are at a tricky point in the product cycle or the economic cycle. Or that there has been a lot of mismanagement as the industry becomes more complex. But the fact is that IBM has a lot to do with the industry's present problems."

Gartner argued that IBM has embarked on an aggressive strategy to boost its revenues by nearly 25 per cent a year more than they would have been if it had continued at its more normal 13 per cent annual growth rate. IBM is now achieving a 16 per cent annual growth rate and it has policies in place which could boost its growth rate to around 18 per cent.

The difference in revenue between IBM at the old growth rate and IBM with its present expansion plans, would by 1993, equal $41 billion – more than IBM's total revenue in 1983.

Gartner's analysis is being borne out by IBM's recently appointed chief executive, John Ackers. He predicted that within a decade, IBM would almost quadruple in size by passing $180 billion in yearly revenues. IBM's revenues for 1984 were $46 billion, up from $40 billion in 1983.

As IBM pushes growth to the absolute limits, profit margins in the computer industry will fall. Companies not competing directly with IBM by operating in profitable niche markets will find themselves up against the industry giant as it seeks new markets to feed its demanding momentum of growth. "You will now have to say whether the size of the niche market is small enough to be attractive rather than is it large enough", Gartner said.

He warned that there will be few long-term investments worth making. "There is still a lot of money to be made in the information industry, but don't over complicate issues – intermediate short-term investing makes more sense."

# Britain gets IT together for a museum

By Paul Walton

Information technology, a business usually concerned with the future, is taking a look over its shoulder at a more glorious past.

A group of academics, manufacturers and customers is drawing up plans for a museum of early British-built computers. Although Britain now trails in the IT field, it was British research which founded the industry 40 years ago.

Now ICL is funding and organizing the Computer Museum and Study Project. The group which developed York's Yorvic Viking Centre, Heritage Projects, will draw up plans for the study project.

The first computers were built by British code-breakers to intercept German communications in the Second World War ENIGMA project. After the war, researchers at Manchester University put together the first electronic computer, or the ENIAC, from the old electric vacuum tubes used in televisions and radios.

These basic designs evolved and became the large mainframe computers, which used slightly more compact electronic circuit boards. Such computers began the rise of giant American corporations like Sperry Univac and, biggest of all, IBM.

By the 1950s computers could be programmed to so useful work, or data processing. Lyons, the better known as the tea-shoppe people, were celebrated and in the public eye for being the first to use a mainframe computer called LEO (or Lyons Eletronic Office) to handle its accounts.

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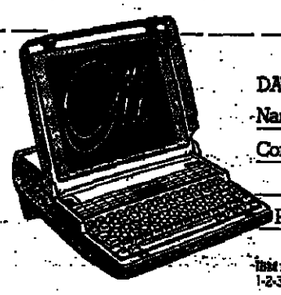
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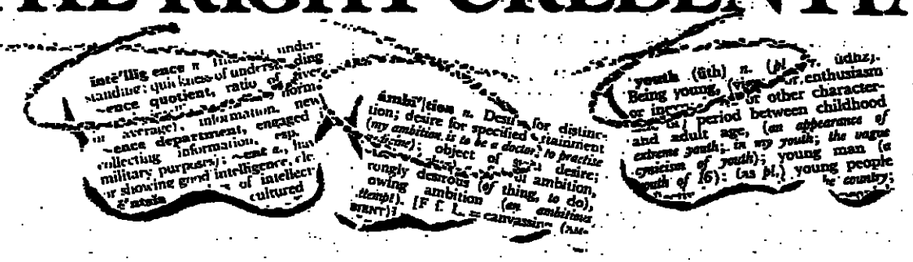
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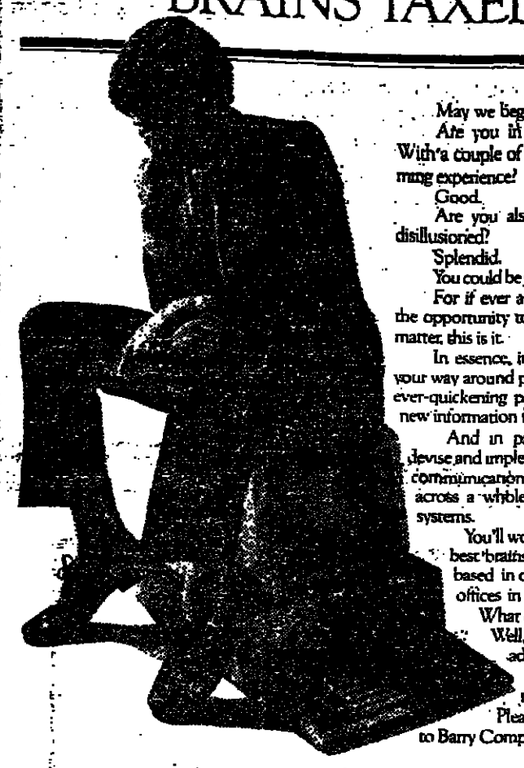
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FOOTBALL: FA CUP DRAW GIVES UNFANCIED CLUBS TIME TO DREAM

# Red giants come together again in search of key to Wembley

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

This year there is to be room at Wembley for only one red giant. In 1983 the arena was transformed into a scarlet sea as Liverpool, in winning the Milk Cup for the third successive season, eventually overcame Manchester United 2-1 during a memorable sunlit afternoon that was extended by an extra half hour.

On April 13 their followers will drape their colours across Goodison Park to see the two colossi attempting to squeeze through the doorway to the national stadium. In that sense, yesterday's FA Cup semi-final draw was cruel. Such a contest deserves the biggest stage and would bring the season to a fitting close.

But Luton Town, Ipswich Town and particularly Millwall have been given a few hours in which to dream of growing into Titans themselves for a day. They and Everton, at Kenilworth Road and at Portman Road tomorrow night, will play for the right to meet in the comparative shadows of White Hart Lane or Villa Park.

Liverpool are now favoured to win the one trophy that eluded Bob Paisley and complete their collection of silverware over the last decade. As usual, the timing of their run is impeccable. So far this year they have lost only to Juventus in Turin, and their current form was confirmed during Sunday's live television coverage of their 4-0 win over Barnsley.

By coincidence, ITV's cameras will present a dress rehearsal on the last day of this month, when United visist Anfield. Ron Atkinson should by then have welcomed back to his cast Robson, Moses and Moran, who all featured in the 1-1 draw against Liverpool at home on September 22.

Rush, significantly, did not. He maintained his record of scoring in every round with another three goals against Barnsley and raised his overall striking rate in the competition to about one in each of his 18 ties. Even more remarkably, Liverpool have yet to lose a game in which he has claimed a goal.

The match at Old Trafford was so tightly disciplined that it might have been nailed inside a wooden crate. Both goals, a Strachan penalty and a controversial Walsh effort, were untidy and the afternoon was marred by another shuddering collision between Moran, who limped off, and Dalglish, whose cheek was smashed in a similar incident the previous year.

The formidable foes are sure to put caution above adventure at Goodison Park, and claps of thunder rather than delicate exchanges will doubtless be heard amid the inevitable tension. United's resolve will be stirred, if nothing else, by the painful memory of their last appearance there. In October Everton humiliated them 5-0.

Apart from their defeat at Wembley two seasons ago, United can see a few bright grains of optimism in their recent record against Liverpool on neutral ground. A few months later in 1983 they gained revenge in a 2-0 victory in the Charity Shield, a trophy they shared after a goalless draw in 1977.

United beat Liverpool in the final that year and also in the semi-final of 1979, when a Jimmy Greenhoff goal separated the two sides. Bailey and Albiston, if not Neal, Hansen and Dalglish, who has yet to appear in the season's showpiece, will remember their personal contributions that day at Goodison Park.

Liverpool were preparing to call in on their neighbours tomorrow night, but Everton are otherwise engaged in their sixth-round replay at Ipswich. Their prospects of reaching Wembley for the fourth time in little over a year, and their run of 11 successive Cup ties without defeat, are in danger there.

Everton could yet be involved in a dress rehearsal. On April 9 they are scheduled to visit Luton, who, rather than listening to their fate, preferred to watch a video recording of their fifth-round victory over Watford on Saturday. That earned them home advantage against Millwall.

Millwall, the first third division representatives to appear twice in the semi-final draw, fell heavily the last time they reached such heights. In the sixth round of 1978, against a backcloth of violence, they lost 6-1 at home. Their conquerors who went on to be crowned at Wembley happened to Ipswich.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Luton Town or Millwall v Ipswich Town or Everton (at Villa Park if Everton win replay; at White Hart Lane if Ipswich win); Manchester United v Liverpool (at Goodison Park). Matches to played on Saturday, April 13.

## Dundee United may face Cup holders

**Aberdeen, the Scottish Cup holders, will meet Dundee United in the semi-finals if they beat Heart of Midtothian in tomorrow night's replay at Pittodrie. Motherwell will meet either Dundee or Celtic, who replay at Parkhead tomorrow night. The venues for the semi-finals will not be decided until after the replays.**



Dissension in Asuncion: Noah (right) in a dispute during his victory over Gonzalez which squared the tie

TENNIS

## France out amid violence

Asuncion (Agencies) – Victor Pecci, defeated Henri Leconte 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 here early yesterday in a match marred by violence to eliminate France from the Davis Cup and take Paraguay into the quarter-finals of the world group.

Trouble broke out in the second set when Laconte was distracted while serving by a noise from the crowd. Yannick Noah and other members of the French team, including the captain, Jean Paul Loth, rushed over to a spectator.

Several members of the noisy, partisan crown surged out of the stands towards the Frenchmen, and police with sticks moved in to restore order. A Paraguayan spectator, named as Roberto Valezquez, a qualified line judge, was treated at a first-aid centre.

An announcement that the game was to be suspended until Monday brought shouts and whistles from the crown, and it was eventually agreed that play would continue.

A spokesman for the French Tennis Federation admitted that Noah, who had beaten Francisco Gonzalez to level the tie at 2-2, admitted that Noah and French officials had jostled Velasquez after he shouted something uncomplimentary about Leconte, but said no one was seen to strike Velasquez.

Loth, whom Paraguayan officials blamed for provoking the crowd, described the conditions of the contest as "shameful" and "scandalous". He said he would complain to the International Tennis Federation about the aggressive attitude of the crowd, the weakness of officials and the timetable which kept players on court late into the night.

WORLD GROUP: First round: Czechoslovakia bt Soviet Union 3-2; Ecuador beat Argentina 3-1; Paraguay bt France 3-2; India bt Italy 3-2. Quarter-final (August 2-4): United States v West Germany; Czechoslovakia v Ecuador; Paraguay v Australia; India v Chile or Sweden.
AMERICAN ZONE: Quarter-finals: Uruguay lead Colombia 1-1; Canada bt Caribbean 4-1; Mexico bt Peru 3-2. Semi-finals (August 2-4): Brazil v Uruguay or Colombia; Canada v Mexico.
EASTERN ZONE: Quarter-finals: China bt Hong Kong 3-2; Philippines bt Thailand 4-1; South Korea bt Pakistan 4-1. Semi-finals: (May 10-12): New Zealand v China; Philippines v South Korea.

GOLF

## Zoeller back to best

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

The most common complaint heard on the US tour is that the modern American professional is a characterless clone with his low-cut, knife-edge pants, cashmere sweater, smooth swing and smoother drawl, totally devoid of personality and colour. See one, they say, and you've seen them all.

But they forgot about Fuzzy Zoeller, who is a real chip off the old blocks of Jimmy Demaret, Arnold Palmer and Lee Trevino, a swashbuckling, wise-cracking cavalier – but one who carries a wicked punch, as his victories in the 1979 Masters and last year's US Open demonstrated. Zoeller did it again here in the Bay Hill Classic on Sunday only five months after a major back operation.

"The diagnosis was that a couple of discs had ruptured. One had to be chiselled out, the other repaired", he recalls. He was given no chance of playing serious golf again.

On January 2, Zoeller walked out of his front door on his 80-acre estate in Indiana carrying his wife's five iron and a few of her practice balls. "I swung", he remembers, "and I swung again, and it felt good."

So good, in fact, that on Sunday, only five weeks since he began to practice seriously again, he proved too fit and determined for Tom Watson and others. I asked him what his goal now is for 1985. "To win the British Open at Royal St George's," he said. "I've been coming over for a good few years now. It's about time I won it."

LEADING FINAL SCORES: US unless stated: 275: F Zoeller, 70; 72, 66, 67. 277: T Watson 7 3, 67, 70, 67. 278: M Lye, 71, 72, 68, 67. 280: C Strange, 73, 67, 68, 72. 281: L Nelson, 72, 68, 70, 71; P Azinger, 72, 65, 74, 70; B Gleason, 70, 75, 68, 68. 282: A Bean, 73, 68, 69, 72; B Kratzert, 72, 66, 75, 69; A North, 75, 70, 69, 68; C Pavin, 72, 67, 72, 71. Other scores: 284: N Faldo (GB), 70, 71, 72, 71; B Langer (WG), 74, 70, 69, 71. 290: S Ballesteros (Sp), 71, 69, 75, 75. 295: S Lyle (GB), 72, 72, 79, 72.

SKIING

## Girardelli in sight of overall title

Aspen, Colorado (Reuter) – Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, who took the World Cup giant slalom championship on Sunday, moved tantalizingly close to the overall title. His victory added five more points to his World Cup overall points total of 252. Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, last year's overall winner, finished fifth and stands at 207. "I think now I have no chance," Zurbriggen said. The Swiss came here badly in need of points in both this race and the downhill, but failed to score in either.

● Franz Klammer, of Austria, may be on the brink of retirement. Klammer, aged 31, plans to miss the season's final World Cup event in Panorama, Alberta, this weekend. He will give a press conference on Friday.

LEADING PLACINGS: 1, M Girardelli (Lux) 2min 27.40sec; 2, I Stenmark (Swe) 2:27.72; 3, M Julen (Switz) 2:27.88; 4, A Clerg (It) 2:27.98; 5, P Zurbriggen (Switz) 2:28.02; 6, R Erlacher (It) 2:28.73; 7, H Enn (Austria) 2:29.32; 8, J Gaspoz (Switz) 2:29.42; 9, R Petrovic (Yug) 2:29.61; 10, H Stroiz (Austria) 2:29.88; 11, R Pramotton (It) 2:30.23; 12, M Eder (WG) 2:30.47; 13, M Wasmeier (WG) 2:30.58; 14, B Kritzal (Yug) 2:30.59; 15, T Shaw (US) 2:31.33. Giant slalom standings: 1, M Girardelli 120 points; 2, P Zurbriggen 80; 3, T Burgler (Switz) 64; 4, M Hangl (Switz) 59; 5, H Enn 57; 6, R Erlacher (It) 50. Overall standings: 1, M Girardelli 252 points; 2, P Zurbriggen 207; 3, A Wenzel (Liech) 172; 4, P Mueller (Switz) 142; 5, F Heinzer (Switz) 138; 6, I Stenmark 135.

Sunshine Village, Alberta (Reuter) – Marina Kiehl, of West Germany, took over from Michela Figini of Switzerland at the top of the giant slalom standings after beating the Swiss girl here on Sunday.

LEADING PLACINGS: 1, M Kiehl (WG) 1min 23.29sec; 2, M Figini (Switz) 1:23.70; 3, B Oertli (Switz) 1:24.70; 4, Z Haas (Switz) 1:24.75; 5, E Twardokens (US) 1:24.80; 6, O Charvanova (Cz) 1:24.88; 7, D Arritola (US) 1:25.06; 8, K Wallser (Switz) C Quittet (Sf) bobs 1:25.07; 10, C Nelson (US) 1:25.29; 11, B Moosedacliner (WG) 1:25.34; 12, B Fernandez Ochoa (Sp) 1:25.37; 13, M Gerg (WG) 1:25.43; 14, K Lee (Can) 1:25.74; 15, L Graham (Can) 1:25.80. Other placings: 42, C Booth (GB) 1:30.21. Giant slalom standings: 1, M Kiehl 110 points; 2, M Figini 110; 3, M Wallser 87; 4, E Kirchler (Austria) 65; 5, V Schneider (Switzerland) 64; 6, B Fernandez Ochoa 63. Overall standings: 1, M Figini 259 points; 2, B Oertli 211; 3, M Wallser 197; 4, M Kiehl 168; 5, O Charvanova 167; 6, E Kirschler 156.

# Hitch could let in England

By Clive White

**England have been given fresh hope of staging the 1988 European Championships because the West German nomination has run into aproblem. They have found themselves inthemiddle of a political sandwich, with UEFA on one side and the West German governemtn on the other, over the use of West Berlin as a venue.**

**When UEFA awarded West Germany the championship – with England as reserve – last month, they insisted that West Berlin should not be used as a venue for fear of upsetting Eastern bloc sensibilities over a citywhich the Soviet Union is not part of West Germany. Now the German governmenthave stated that they will withdraw support if West Berlin is not named.**

Ted Croker, the FA Secretary, said: "That would seem to rule them out. UEFA have indicated that a host country must have government support.

"I'm certain that UEFA cannot now rubber stamp the German nomination following the emergence of this issue. We have submitted a letter to them stressing particular points, with emphasis on the support we have been given by our government. We're very optimistic."

England's claims were always the stronger of the two countries, not least because West Germany staged a major championship - the World Cup – as recently as 1974, whereas England staged their only championship, also the World Cup, in 1966. It was the disgraceful record of England's supporters abroad, at club and international level, that handicapped their original application.

UEFA will announce their decision in Lisbon on Firday and Hermun Neuberger, the president of the German federation, will fly there tomorrow to put their case. He does not believe that government support is necessary. The West German newspaper, *Welt am Sonntag*, said that the government had called upon eight Western European countries to support the inclusion of West Berlin.

# Evaristo may take road to Rio

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

As Brazil's new but third-choice manager Evaristo searches desperately for players, his eye may light, ironically, on the 30-year-old midfield player, Eloi, of Rio's Botafogo club.

Eloi recently came back to Brazil with his tail between his legs, after a wretched year and a half in Italy with Genoa, who, he said, never used him properly. But with Botafogo he has been a man inspired, transforming their team. He has been scoring goals as well as making them – two in a fine unexpected 3-1 win on the ground of Vasco da Gama, who are managed by Zico's brother and last year's national team manager, Edu.

Zico has just been back to Rio, trying desperately to persuade his former club, Flamengo, to buy him from Udinese. Kodak are said to be among four potential sponsors to foot the huge bill for the 32-year-old star's return, although a deal with one potential sponsor, Patrobras, has fallen through. Evaristo would doubtless be happy to see him return, not least because of the poor form in Italy of Socrates and the shaky physical condition of Falcao and Cerezo.

Italy's match away to Greece tomorrow meant that there was no *Italian* Championship programmes last Sunday. Next Sunday provides the attractions of Roma at home to Juventus, and the second derby between Internazionale and Milan, who won the previous one with Hateley's stupendous headed goal.

It is an especially important *match* for Inter's much criticized manager, Castagner, whom Milan sacked last season because, they alleged, he was already in negotiations with their rivals. Few have a kind word for Castagner, although Inter are still hot on the trail of Verona in the championship and take a one-goal lead to Cologne next week in the UEFA Cup.

In Athens, Italy will be hoping from another vigorous performance from Bruno Conti, as will Roma when he returns from Cup Winners' Cup suspension against Bayern Munich, in Rome. Whether Conti stays with Roma when his contract ends next season is in doubt, as it was a year ago. Roma's president, Viola, is said to be displeased by the wayward Conti's behaviour on the field.

A lively afternoon in the Bundesliga. The leaders, Bayern Munich, who are two goals ahead of Roma in the Cup Winners' Cup, won 2-0 away to Cologne, who are a goal behind to Internazionale in the UEFA Cup. Dieter Hoeness struck the first goal for Bayern, Lothar Matthaeus the second.

VfB Stuttgart, the reigning champions, suddenly struck form against the previously successful Bayern Uerdingen, scoring five times. Four of their goals came in th second half, two from Reichert.

Barcelona retained their huge lead in the Spanish championship, but were strangely off form at home to Malago. It took an own goal to give them victory. Real Madrid beat Betis, but only by the odd goal of five. Valdano, their Argentine international centre forward, who missed a sitter at Spurs last week, scored twice in the first half.

In San Salvador, 60,000 saw Honduras beat their old, bitter rivals El Salvador 2–1 in a World Cup CONCACAF group match. Bailey, in the first minute and Laine, in the 77th, were their scorers.

# Robson is kept out

Bryan Robson will be absent as Manchester United meet Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane tonight. Robson, tired after his first game in two months in the Central League at Aston Villa on Saturday, continues his rehabilitation against Blackburn's reserves at Old Trafford. Spurs, attempting to overtake Everton at the top of the first division, should have Roberts back after suspension.

● Chelsea's supporters have been banned from their team's League game at Sunderland on March 30. Sunderland plan to make the game all-ticket and will not be issuing any to Chelsea. Sunderland's action follows the crowd trouble in the two recent Milk Cup semi-finals between the clubs. On Friday the FA will hold an inquiry at Stamford Bridge into the violence that erupted during the second leg there.

Blackpool are to ban from their ground anyone convicted of causing trouble at Saturday's fourth division match at Bury.

● York City chairman Michael Sinclair, is to ask the Football League management committee for a personal hearing following the League, late decision to make York play Saturday's match at Millwall. The clubs had rearranged the fixture for April 23, but on Thursday York were told they would have to play on Saturday. York, who were in the middle of a three-day break in Blackpool, lost the match 1-0, thus damaging their chances of promotion.

● Millwall will play their FA Youth Cup quarter-final with Barnsely at the Den on March 18.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Millwall or Barnsley v Watford or Mansfield Town; Newcastle United or Coventry City v Birmingham City. Ties to be completed on or before April 6.



Billy McNeill (above) signed an extension to his contract yesterday which will keep him as manager of Manchester City until 1988

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Wigan face favourites

By Keith Macklin

Wigan seem quite unperturbed at the prospect of facing the favourites, Hull Kingston Rovers, in the semi-final of the Challenge Cup, sponsored by Silk Cut, on Saturday May 23.

For one thing the match will be played at Elland Road, Leeds, and yesterday the Wigan joint coach, Colin Clarke, said: "Elland Road is a good ground for us. We beat Leeds in the John Player Trophy final there, and last seasonm we beat York at Elland Road in the semi-final."

Clarke added that Wigan's confidence against Rovers was based on the fact that they have already recorded a double against them in championship fixtures.

The other semi-final will be played on April 6, at a venue to be decided, when Widnes and Hull have sorted out their quarter-final, which is to be replayed at Widnes tomorrow. Castleford have reached their third semi-final in four seasons, having lost the previous two, and they cannot feel too sanguine at meeting either of the cup giants.

The Widnes v Hull replay poses a major problem for the Great Britain coach, Maurice Bamford. He is due to name his side today for the return game with France on Sunday, and if he selects Widnes or Hull players they will be unable to play in the game's major knockout competition. Pressure is bound to be on Bamford to leave out such players, since his declared intention is to give as many of his squad as possible a run out against the French.

DRAW: Hull Kingston Rovers v Wigan (at Elland Road, Leeds, on March 23); Hull or Widnes v Castleford (on April 6 at a venue to be decided).

● Fred Ahkuoi, Hull's New Zealand Test centre, could miss the rest of the season after breaking his jaw in Saturday's Challenge Cup quarter-final against Widnes. Ahkuoi had his jaw wired yesterday.

## FOR THE RECORD

### FOOTBALL

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| Dallas | 35 | 29 | .547 | 7 |
| San Antonio | 32 | 33 | .492 | 10½ |
| Utah | 31 | 33 | .484 | 11 |
| Kansas City | 23 | 41 | .359 | 19 |
| **Pacific Division** | | | | |
| LA Lakers | 45 | 18 | .714 | – |
| Phoenix | 30 | 34 | .469 | 15½ |
| Portland | 30 | 35 | .462 | 16 |
| Seattle | 27 | 37 | .422 | 18½ |
| LA Clippers | 22 | 42 | .344 | 23½ |
| Golden State | 17 | 46 | .270 | 28 |

CARLESBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Play-off: Nissan Bears Worthing 91 (Jenkins 28, Cunningham 26), Sperrings Solent Stars 95 (Robinson 24, Griffiths 23).
FIRST DIVISION: Portsmouth FC 79 (Shackleford 36, Owens 23), Davenport Birmingham 86 (Pyatt 30, Hopkins 16).

| | P | W | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kingston | 26 | 24 | 2 | 48 |
| Manchester Utd | 26 | 19 | 7 | 38 |
| Manchester Gts | 26 | 18 | 8 | 36 |
| Solent | 26 | 17 | 9 | 34 |
| Worthing | 26 | 17 | 9 | 34 |
| Leicester | 25 | 15 | 11 | 30 |
| Hemel/Watford | 26 | 15 | 11 | 30 |
| Bracknell | 25 | 15 | 11 | 30 |
| Sunderland | 26 | 12 | 14 | 24 |
| Crystal Palace | 26 | 12 | 14 | 24 |
| Doncaster | 26 | 10 | 16 | 20 |
| Birmingham | 26 | 6 | 20 | 12 |
| Portsmouth | 26 | 1 | 25 | 2 |
| Bolton | 26 | 1 | 25 | 2 |

FIRST DIVISION (women): Avon Northampton 70, Ashfield Glass Nottingham 66; Bath 65, Enfield Browns 52; Homespare Bolton 71 TCB Worsley Wasps 48; Kingcraft Kingston 88, Sheffield Hatters 72; London YMCA 52, Vogue Travel Manchester 68.

### BILLIARDS

HATTON GARDEN: Eurotherm World Professional championship: F Davis bt C Everton 3–1 (400–275, 400–206, 293–400, 400–156).
Quarter-final: N Dagley leads J Kamehm 2–0.

### SWIMMING

SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS (North-East counties): 200m breaststroke: A Moorhouse (GB), 2min 15.00sec (British record).

### HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Liverpool 18, East Kilbride 15; Tryst Cumbernauld 17, East Kilbride 15; Liverpool 17, Kirkby Select 13; Birkenhead 17, Salford 13; Ashford Tanners 22, Carlsberg 27.
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Salford 9, Wakefield Metros 18; Birkenhead Liverbirds 8, Roben Jenkins Rutslip 17.

### SQUASH RACKETS

PARIS: French open championships: First round: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt Soheil Quaiser (Pak) 9-4, 9-5, 9-2; G Briars (GB) bt D Lloyd (GB) 9-6, 5-9, 9-1, 9-1; G Williams (GB) bt J Westerhoim (Swe) 9-1, 9-5, 9-3; C Dittmar (Aus) bt L Latnar (Swe) 9-1, 9-4, 9-6; J-U Sodeberg (Swe) bt J Nimack (US) 9-5, 9-2, 9-4; G Awad (Egypt) bt T Trueman (Aus) 5-9, 9-4, 9-1, 9-5; Hidayat Lahan (GB) bt B Almstrom (Swe) 7-9, 9-4, 5-9, 9-1, 9-2; G Pollard (Aus) bt B Beeston (GB) 9-7, 9-0, 9-0.

### LUGE

OBERHOF: World Cup: Two-man event: 1, J Hoffmann and J Pietzsch (EG) 1.26.312; 2, R Keller and L Kuehnlenz (EG) 1.25.517; 3, T Schwab and W Staudinger (WG) 1:26.564. Overall: 1, H Raffl and N Huber (It) 41pts; 2, G Fluckinger and F Wilhelmer (Austria) 40; 3, Keller and Kuehnlenz (EG) 38. Women's individual: 1, C Schmidt (EG) 2:07.906; 2, U Oberhoffner (EG) 2:07.975; 3, G Kohlisch (EG) 2:08.730. Overall: 1, Schmidt 47pts; 2, Oberhoffner 46; 3, M-L Rainer (It) 45.

### ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Vancouver Canucks 6, Edmonton Oilers 3; Boston Bruins 3, Washington Capitals 2; Philadelphia Flyers 11, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Montreal Canadiens 5, Hartford Whalers 5; Buffalo Sabres 4, Los Angeles Kings 4; St Louis Blues 6, Detroit Red Wings 2; Winnipeg Jets 7, New Jersey Devils 1; Minnesota North Stars 3, Chicago Black Hawks 2.

WALES CONFERENCE

| Patrick Division | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 41 | 19 | 7 | 291 | 214 | 89 |
| Washington | 39 | 20 | 9 | 277 | 206 | 87 |
| NY Islanders | 34 | 26 | 5 | 298 | 260 | 73 |
| NY Rangers | 33 | 34 | 10 | 253 | 286 | 54 |
| New Jersey | 20 | 38 | 9 | 226 | 280 | 49 |
| Pittsburgh | 23 | 39 | 5 | 232 | 320 | 49 |
| **Adams Division** | | | | | | |
| Montreal | 34 | 23 | 11 | 262 | 227 | 79 |
| Buffalo | 32 | 21 | 13 | 244 | 191 | 77 |
| Quebec | 33 | 25 | 9 | 275 | 242 | 75 |
| Boston | 30 | 28 | 8 | 245 | 229 | 68 |
| Hartford | 21 | 38 | 8 | 228 | 290 | 50 |

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

| Norris Division | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St Louis | 33 | 23 | 11 | 259 | 238 | 77 |
| Chicago | 32 | 22 | 5 | 266 | 264 | 69 |
| Minnesota | 33 | 23 | 11 | 234 | 273 | 55 |
| Detroit | 21 | 36 | 11 | 257 | 306 | 53 |
| Toronto | 17 | 43 | 7 | 211 | 290 | 41 |
| **Smythe Division** | | | | | | |
| Edmonton | 44 | 16 | 8 | 336 | 238 | 96 |
| Winnipeg | 35 | 27 | 7 | 306 | 296 | 77 |
| Calgary | 30 | 35 | 5 | 312 | 294 | 65 |
| Los Angeles | 30 | 36 | 12 | 295 | 279 | 72 |
| Vancouver | 21 | 39 | 8 | 238 | 348 | 50 |

### HOCKEY

TRUMAN SOUTH LEAGUE Premier division: Bognor 2, Eastcote 2; Camberley 0. ETESSA 0; Oxford Hawks 0, Anchorians 0. Regionals: Kent/Sussex: Marden Russets 4, Herne Bay 1, Thames Polytechic 2, Old Beccehamians 1. Middlesex/Berks, Bucks & Oxon: Gerrards Cross 2, Sunbury 1; Hendon 1, Harrow Town Swans 1, Richings Park 2, Hayes 4.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services 2, Islanders 2
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 3, Long Sutton 2.

### MOTOCROSS

JOHANNESBURG: Grand prix event: First Heat: 1, J Richmond (Fr), Yamaha; 2, M Rinaldi (It), Suzuki; 3, J Tornanno (US), Suzuki; 4, A Drechel (WG), KTM, 5, J Nisson (Swe), Husqvarna; L Nicolson (Swe), Maico. Second heat: 1, Nilsson, 2, Drechel, 3, Vimond, 4, A Eriksson (Swe), Yamaha; 5, P Fura (It), Honda; 6, G Van Doorn (Neth), Honda. Overall: 1, Vimond 35pts, 2, Nilsson 31; 3, Drechelk 30; 4, Eriksson and Fura 20; 5, Tarantino 18.

### MOTOR RACING

THRUXTON: Marlboro British Formula Three Race Day (circuit 2.83 miles): Marlboro British Formula Three Championship: (15 laps): 1, R Spence (GB), Reynard 863 VW (9min 50.76sec (112.51 mph); 2, T Davies (GB), Reynard 863 VW; 3, M Gugelmin (Br), Ralt RT30 VW. Fastest lap: Hugelmin 1:14.43 (113.95 mph). Munro Production Saloon Car Championship (10 laps): 1, A McLellannen, Colt Starion, 18:20.57 (86.46 mph). Fastest lap: McLellennen 1:36.80 (87.12 mph, new lap record). British Ford 2,000 Championship (12 laps): 1, D Coyne Van Diemen RF 85, 16:38.10 (108.45 mph). Fastest lap: Coyne 1:17.45 (109.08 mph).

### GOLF

NAIROBI: Kenya open: Final leading scores (GB unless stated): 278: G Harvey 70, 70, 69, 69. 279: B Waites 68, 73, 71, 67. 282: L Fickling 73, 70, 70, 69. 283: D Russell 71, 69, 75, 68; W Longmuir 71, 67, 74, 71. 284: J-M Canizares (Sp), 69, 72, 73, 70. 285: J Rivero (Sp) 73, 70, 69, 73. 286: D Jagger 73, 73, 74, 66. 287: J Fowler 73, 73, 75, 66; G Ralph 70, 71, 67, 79. 288: D Jones 72, 71, 74, 71; B Lane, 75, 72, 70, 71

COSTA MESA, California: LPGA tournament: Final scores (all US): 277: B Layer 70, 71, 68, 68. 282: A Miller 70, 71, 72, 69. 285: N Lopez 73, 70, 73, 69. 287: D White 80, 71, 70, 66. 288: K Baker 74, 70, 73, 71. 289: V Fergon 75, 75, 70, 69; C Walker 75, 73, 70, 71. 291: L Garbacz 73, 73, 70, 75; C Monge 72, 74, 74, 71; M Spencer-Devlin 73, 71, 75, 72; P Rizzo 77, 67, 73, 74; D Caponi 77, 68, 70, 76.

US TOUR EARNINGS: 1, M O'Meara $194,625; 2, L Wadkins $165,010; 3, C Strange $161,344; 4, C Stadler $138,826, 5, D Pooley $107,585; 6, F Zoeller $96,284; 7, C Pavin $83,165; 8, M McCumber $82,833; 9, L Mize $79,178; 10, R Streck $78,792.

### TENNIS

BRUSSELS: Belgian Indoor Championship: First round: J Hlasek (Switz) by P Slozil (Cz) 6-1, 5-2; M Mitchell (US) bt M Dickson (US) 6-1, 1-1 (Dickson rtd injured). J Lloyd (GB) bt S Meister (US) 6-1, 6-4.

### CURLING

PERTH: World Junior Championships: First round: Denmark 7, France 9, Canada 7, US 4; Scotland 10, Italy 2; Sweden 4, Germany 9; Norway 3, Switzerland 4.

### VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men's first division: Volvo Trucks 3, Bellshill Cardinals 0; DV-81 0, A. T. Marys 3, MM 1, Scottish Farm 3, Falkirk 3, Glasgow Gregg 0, K.A.'s 0, Dundee Knights 3. Women's first division: West Coast 0, Telford 3, Inverclyde 0, Scottish Farm 3; Finnes Sports 3, Jets 0.

### SKI JUMPING

HOLMENKOLLEN, Norway: World Cup: 90m: 1 M Nykaenen (Fin) 225.6 pts; 2, F Wiegele (Austria) 215.1, 3, G Balanche (Switz) 210.7. overall: 1, A Felder (Austria) 155 pts; 2, N Kykaenen 194; 3, E Vettori (Austria) 152.

### ROAD RUNNING

WORTHING: 20 miles: 1, M McCarthey (Oxford City), 1hr 42min 44sec (course record); 2 K Steere (Ilford, 1:43.9; 3, S Skinner (Brighton and Hove), 1:48.2. Veteran: D Wright (Worthing), 1:50.9. Women: A Roberts (Hounslow) 2:00.9

## SNOW REPORTS

The following reports have been supplied by a tourist board:

| | Depth (cm) L | U | State of piste | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | |
| Adelboden | 45 | 110 | Pwdr | –2 |
| Champery | 20 | 85 | Hard | –5 |
| Davos | 40 | 175 | Soft | 0 |
| Loysin | 30 | 60 | Soft | 0 |
| Crans Mntana | 30 | 130 | Hard | –7 |
| Saas-Fe | 70 | 190 | Pwdr | –5 |
| St Moritz | 80 | 100 | Pwdr | –6 |
| Verbier | 45 | 225 | Hard | –7 |
| Villars | 70 | 100 | Soft | –5 |
| Wengen | 40 | 120 | Soft | –1 |
| **FRANCE** | | | | |
| Chamonix | 40 | 190 | | |
| Courchevel | 100 | 140 | | |
| Flaine | 85 | 290 | | |
| Les Arcs | 105 | 295 | | |
| Les Menuires | 60 | 150 | | |
| Meribel | 50 | 145 | | |
| Morzine | 30 | 120 | | |
| Val d'Isére | 75 | 110 | | |

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: Upper and middle runs: Complete, wet snow on firm base. Lower slopes: No snow or very little. Vertical runs: 1,400ft. Hal and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: Some complete, spring snow. Lower slopes: No snow or very little. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hal and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,000ft. Glencoe: Insufficient snow for skiing. Lecht: Upper runs: Almost complete, wet snow. Middle runs: Complete but narrow, wet snow. Lower slopes: Complete, wet snow. Vertical runs 700ft. Hal and main roads: Clear. Snow level 2,000ft.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

**First division**
Stoke City v West Bromwich Albion
Sunderland v Watford
Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United (8.0)

**Second division**
Carlisle United v Birmingham City (7.45)
Charlton Athletic v Wolverhampton Wanderers (7.45)
Portsmouth v Leeds United
Shrewsbury Town v Huddersfield Town

**Third division**
Burnley v Doncaster Rovers
Newport County v Gillingham
Swansea City v Bristol City.

**Fourth division**
Darlington v Crewe Alexandra
Scunthorpe United v Chester
Swindon Town v Bury
Wrexham v Halifax Town

**Freight Rover Trophy**
**Second round**
Rochdale v Bolton Wanderers
York City v Chesterfield

**Scottish second division**
Stirling Albion v Montrose

GOLA LEAGUE: Frickley v Maidstone (7.15).
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay v Harlow; Barking v Bognor Regis; Epsom and Ewell v Leytonstone and Ilford; Hayes v Wokingham; Hitchin v Harrow; Windsor and Eaton v Slough; Worthing v Tooting and Mitcham; Whoombe v Sutton United. First division: Clapton v Staines; Farnborough v Walton and Hersham; Lewes v Boreham Wood; St Albans v Aveley; Working v Metropolitan Police. Second division north: Barton Rovers v Wolverton; Cheshunt v Bracknell Heath; Finchley v Tring; Harringey Borough v Hybridge Swifts; Kingsbury v Harehild; Letchworth v Berkhamsted; Leyton Wingate v Royston; Ware v Marlow. Second division south: Camberley v Banstead, Dorking v Molesey; Egham v Chertsey; Horsham v Hungerford; Petersfield v Eastborne United; Southall v Ruislip Manor.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley v Hastings United; Fareham v Corby; Gravesend v Witney Town; Willenhall v Folkestone Midland division: Banbury v Coventry Sporting; Bridgenorth v Sutton Coldfield, Dudley v Rushden; Forest Green v Merthyr Tydfil; Oldbury v VS Rugby; Stourbridge v Wellingborough. Southern division: Chatham v Dorchester; Gosport Borough v Erith and Belvedere; Hillingdon v Cambridge City; Tonbridge v Salisbury.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton v Chorley; Gainsborough v Burton Albion. Cup: Third round: Matlock v Southport.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford City v Aston Villa (7.0); Manchester City v Notts County (6.45), Manchester United v Blackburn. Second division: Leeds v York (7.0); Oldham v Scunthorpe (7.0); Preston v Wolverhampton (7.0), Rotherham v Blackpool (7.0); Wigan v Doncaster
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham v Swansea (2.0); Chelsea v Crystal Palace (2.15); Norwich v Fulham: Reading v Arsenal.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree 88 Tiptree; Colchester v Brantham; Yarmouth v Haverhill.
MORRITT HOMES CAPITAL LEAGUE: Bremford v Orient (2.0)
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill v Steyning; Three Bridges v Portfield.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round: Bromley v Hampton, Clapton Fisher Athletic.
CHESHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third round replay: Altrincham v Northwich Victoria (at

RACING: INJURED GOLD CUP FAVOURITE UNDERGOES INTENSIVE TREATMENT

# Burrough Hill Lad decision delayed

By Michael Seely

Burrough Hill Lad's participation in Thursday's Cheltenham Gold Cup still hangs in the balance. "We'll know more tomorrow," David Stait, Jenny Pitman's assistant trainer, said yesterday. "But a definite decision will be taken on Wednesday."

Last year's winner had his final gallop at Lambourn on Saturday morning. "Because of the horse's tendency to run with his head down he caught his teeth behind his knee," Mrs Pitman said. "It seemed OK at evening stables, but after cantering on Sunday morning the injury suddenly blew up."

Burrough Hill Lad was having intensive treatment yesterday. "Some fluid has got into the back of the knee from the cut," Stait continued. "It's slightly swollen, but it's more like a tiny, tender, sore spot. He's having Magneto-pulse therapy and is wearing a Jacuzzi whirl boot. It's like a wellington boot, and it looks like a guy with size five shoes wearing size 12's. It comes up over his knee and contains ice and salt. Compressed air is pumped into it creating a massage effect. It would be easy if we could give Burrough Hill Lad antibiotics, but it's too close to the race."

Antibiotics are one of the many substances that are prohibited medication for horses in training and discovery in the system entails instant disqualification. Discussing the situation yesterday, Peter Twite, the Jockey Club's head of administration, said: "Not only are antibiotics on the proscribed list, but so too is penicillin procaine, which is also often given in these cases. Procaine is a pain-killer, which helps to get the penicillin moving. But unfortunately it is a drug which affects the central nervous system and is therefore prohibited.

"Unfortunately there are always individual cases where any rule may cause hardship. But the whole idea is that when a horse races, it should be without assistance from any form of drug. I heard Mrs Pitman on the radio this morning and she stated the situation with admirable clarity."

Most leading bookmakers are now betting without Borough Hill Lad. At their revised prices you are backing your fancy to win or to be second to the favourite if he recovers in time. On this basis Ladbrokes have Drumadowney and Combs Ditch as their joint favourites at 5-1.

● There were 21 four-day declarations for Thursday's £80,000 added Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. They are: Ballinacurra Lad, Boreen Prince, Bregawn, Buck House, Burrough Hill Lad, Combs Ditch, Door Latch, Drumadowney, Earls Brig, Excursion, Final Argument, Forgive'N Forget, Greewood Lad, Half Free, Homeson, Rainbow Warrior, Righthand Man, Scot Lane, Sointulla Boy, Wayward Lad, West Tip.

# Browne's Gazette can scoop the lot

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Browne's Gazette, the runaway winner of the first race of the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham a year ago, looks poised to scale even greater heights this afternoon by winning the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle.

Virtually everything has gone right for Monica Dickinson's seven-year-old this season and that is of vital importance in the run-up to a race of this nature. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the former champion, Gaye Brief, who would be the main threat at this best. Gaye Brief has not run for three months and Mercy Rimell, his trainer, has been the first to concede that it has been a race against time to get him to Cheltenham.

On the other hand, Browne's Gazette now has an impressive string of victories to his credit, including one over Gaye Brief here in December and another over Desert Orchid and See You Then at Kempton Park soon after. It need hardly be said that a horse of Gaye Brief's calibre would be very hard to beat if he were at his best. But after such a lengthy absence too much has to be taken on trust and I prefer Browne's Gazette.

If Browne's Gazette measures up to those expectations, his stable compaion, Brunton Park (nap), can put the icing on the cake for followers of Mrs Dickinson's stable by winning the Kim Muir Memorial Cup later in the afternoon in the hands of that competent amateur, Ronnie Beggan. His confidence in Brunton Park ought to be sky high after winning a chase by 10 lengths on him at Market Rasen at the beginning of this month.

In the meantime, Book Of Kells, the horse they beat that day, has come out again and won by eight lengths at Doncaster. So the form has a gilt-edged look about it and Brunton Park is taken to beat Charter Party and Seskin Bridge, who will carry the colours of the President of the Irish Republic.

An equally popular winner with those who make the annual pilgrimmage from Eire to Cheltenham would be Ararun in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle. This is the race that Irish trainers have plundered over the years. Until Browne's Gazette stopped the rot 12 months ago, Irish stables had produced the winner on seven consecutive occasions.

At one stage Paddy Mullins, Ararun's trainer, was even considering a crack at the Champion Hurdle. He lowered his sights when Ararun failed to win his last race at Leopardstown. Just to complicate matters, Ararun has had a setback in training since then and has been swimming daily to try to keep in trim. Whether that is the right background for a Festival winner, time alone will tell. In my opinion it certainly makes Ararun much more vulnerable and I shall look elsewhere for the winner.

The two that catch my eye are The Breener and Hypnotic. The Breener has won all his races at Newbury this season and that takes some doing. Nevertheless Hypnotic's form is still arguably the better and he is just preferred. What he achieved in the autumn when pitted against the likes of Maganyos, Ten Of Spades, Lucky Rascal and Ashlone at Ascot and Sandown Park now reads well when you appreciate what they have done in the meantime.

Hypnotic is trained in Upper Lambourn by Fulke Walwyn, whose stable has just started to run into the right sort of form at the right time. Walwyn, who probably knows more about the art of preparing a horse especially for the Festival than anyone still training, also has hopes of winning the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle for Mrs Sydney Smart with either Crimson Embers or Rose Ravine.

Crimson Embers won the race three seasons ago, but it is not nearly soft enough for him now. I much prefer his younger Rose Ravine stable companion, who has the measure of Buckbe and Playboy if the formbook means anythink at all.

At one stage this winter I would not have contemplated looking beyond Townley Stone as the winner of the Arkle Challenge Trophy. But I have been so disillusioned by his last two performances that I am happy to switch allegiance and go instead for **Buck House**, who, according to Michael ("Mouse") Morris, his trainer, will be in his element racing on what should be perfect ground.

Buck House has had his ground on each of the occasions that he has won at Leopardstown this year, and very useful he has looked each time. On the other hand, the ground is unlikely to be nearly soft enough for Boreen Prince.

Destiny Bay, from Nicky Henderson's in-form stable, is my idea of a good each-way bet in the race. He has won over the course and distance this season and he looked to be going like a winner in his last race at Ascot until he slipped and sprawled on landing after jumping the second last fence.

Finally, I am happy to side with Lefrak City to win the Cheltenham Grand Annual Chase at the end of the afternoon, even though he will be meeting Toirdealbhach on 5lb worse terms than when they met last at Sandown.



Browne's Gazette shows the power that has made him odds-on favourite for today's Champion Hurdle

## Spartan Missile lift-off

Spartan Missile may be in action at Cheltenham after all. The 13-year-old, who made an emotional comeback when winning the John and Nigel Thorne Memorial Cup at Stratford last week, appears among the 18 four-day declarations for the Christies Foxhunters' Challenge Cup on Thursday.

Yesterday a stable spokeswoman did not rule out the possibility that he will try to add to his victory in this race six years ago.

The stable secretary said: "I think Nicky believes that if we are not going to retire him he might as well run at Cheltenham rather than round the smaller courses. The connections will be meeting at the races tomorrow and afterwards Nicky will give a statement to the press."

POINT TO POINT

# Urser follows an easy route to Festival and final

By Brian Beel

Runners continued to be in abundance in point-to-points on Saturday and divisions at three meetings created 10-race programmes.

At one of these, the Brecon, five of the races were won by two riders. Mark Richards scored a treble and John Llewellyn, the former national champion, struck twice on Fixed Price – back to his best after failing dismally at Bangor on Wednesday – and Ratochhu. While Peter Greenall was going through the formalities on Cheekio Ora at Doncaster, Richards was proving a worthy deputy for him on Highland Blaze, five lengths down at the last fence, but half a length ahead at the post.

Urser, destined for the Foxhunters' at Cheltenham on Thursday, achieved his dual objective of a final gallop and qualifying for the Diners Club final by winning the Derwent open. His task was made that much easier when his only serious rival, Brig O'Balgownie, ran out two fences from home.

Nelson's Beach, out of the Cheltenham Foxhunters' winner, Bright Beach, won the John Peel Cup at the Cumberland Farmers for Michael Dun after a neck-and-neck struggle with Tim Reed on Westacre from two out.

Ross Poldark was a entry for Thursday's big race, but will not now be running. He showed his 14 years when beaten for speed from the last by Robin Goodall riding his new acquisition, Rikki Tikki Tavey, in the open at the Southdown and Eridge.

The ladies' race here provided a thrilling finish with Nicky Ledger just holding a slight advantage at the line aboard Brigadier Mouse from Yung Cheng.

The Audi qualifier here was won by Mark Davies on Colonel Henry, who was never headed, and the corresponding event at the Cheshire Forest by Simon Crank on Mystic Mintet held off Stuart Dickinson's fast-finishing Jimmy Thompson by a head.

Never Deemed improved on his second at the previous Lemalla meeting but was under pressure to hold off Brampford Way in the open race at the East Cornwall. With Seal Marine he provided a double for Ben Messer-Bennetts, the owner, and a fourth winner of the season for Stephen West, who had previously been successful in the hunt race on Phil Grey.

John Wrathall had a treble at the Oakley where two of his maiden race winners, Arctic Warbler and Developers Run, looked destined for further success.

In place of the sidelined Grant Cann, Chris Down rode Macnab's Quest to success in the restricted open at the Silverton and Philip Schofield's Harvest Hymn in the maiden. Holcombe Lass (Down) and Sandsprite (Schofield) gave them each a double, a feat also acomplished by Don Cantillon at the Dunston Harriers.

The four-mile ladies race at the Ledbury ended with four together at the last and the favourite, Nostradamus, behind and beaten, in fifth place. Barnaby Sam, who had yet to win any race, finished the stronger and got the better of Guinne and Casha on the run-in.

Mister Bosun impressed again when winning for the father-daughter combination of Bill Gooden and Jennifer Litston in the Avon Vale ladies, but the happiest man at this meeting was Reg Wilkin, a Litton farmer who had his first winner for 20 years when Ron Treloggen brought the 13-year-old Bally News home in front in a division of the men's.

BOOK REVIEW

# Jonjo – a moving triumph

John O'Neill, winner of the Ritz Club Trophy for the leading rider at the National Hunt Festival during the past two seasons, is a 12-1 chance with William Hill to regain the title this week. John Francome, the reigning champion jockey, is favourite at 4-1.

The best of O'Neill's five booked mounts is probably Comedy Fair in the Country Hurdle on Thursday. This afternoon he rides Robin Wonder in the Champion Hurdle and Vivaque in the Waterford Crystal Stayers Hurdle.

The bookmakers odds look far from generous, but the 32-year-old Irishman from Co Cork, whose courage, determination and warm personality have made him the idol of National Hunt fans, is used to having the dice loaded against him.

The story of O'Neill's two jockeys' championships, his association with such great horses as Sea Pigeon, Dawn Run, Night Nurse and Alverton and his triumphs over appalling injuries are movingly recounted in *Jonjo* (Stanley Paul, £8.95), an autobiography which has been written in conjunction with Tim Richards.

O'Neill is a teetotaler and non-smoker. He is also a devout Catholic. He has an inflexible will which has enabled his career to survive two multiple fractures of the right leg, a broken arm, cracked vertibrae, hands, toes, ribs and collarbone.

Long after they haver ridden in their last Festival together this week, arguments will still be raging about who is the greater jockey, O'Neill or Francome. Peter Easterby, the trainer, probably gets it right when he says in the book: "Jonjo is the strongest jockey I have ever seen. Fred Winter never rode for me, so I don't know as much about him as I do about Jonjo, but he certainly couldn't have been any better than Jonjo."

## CHELTENHAM BBC

*[Televised: 2.15, 2.50 (BBC 2) 3.30, 4.5]*

GOING: Good

**2.15 WATERFORD CRYSTAL SUPREME NOVICE HURDLE (Grade I: £22,350: 2m) (30 runners)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 102 | 111112 | ARARUN (D) (BF) (Mrs A Mee) P Mullins (Ire) 6-11-8 | A Mullins |
| 103 | 0-12122 | BONALMA (D) (BF) (G Turkington) A Moore (Ire) 5-11-8 | T J Taaffe |
| 104 | 111112 | CATS EYES (BF) (B) (Mrs P Fasey) M Pipe 5-11-8 | P Leach |
| 105 | 1f0201 | CHARCOAL WALLY (CD) (J Murse® R Hodges 5-11-8 | G McCourt |
| 106 | 42321 | DOWN FLIGHT (A Alright) C Holmes 5-11-8 | A Webb |
| 107 | 1f3504 | GALA'S IMAGE (D) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-8 | R Linley |
| 108 | 31022 | HARRY HASTINGS (D) (R Leask) J S Wilson 6-11-8 | C Grant |
| 109 | 111 | HYPNOTIC (D) (BF) (Mrs J Corbett) F Walwyn 5-11-8 | K Mooney |
| 110 | 2-113 | IT'S TOUGH (P Kennedy) S Woodman 5-11-8 | R Dunwoody |
| 111 | 123024 | JUST ALICK (CD) (S Christie) M H Easterby 6-11-8 | A Brown |
| 112 | 114120 | KESSLER (Jewell) N Vigors 5-11-8 | J White |
| 113 | 6f | MUSIC BE MAGIC (D) (N Mason) G Richards 6-11-8 | N Doughty |
| 114 | 1211102 | RHOECUS (D) (P Watzel) Mrs M Dickinson 8-11-8 | G Bradley |
| 115 | 4141 | RUM (Mrs C Clatworthy) J Gifford 5-11-8 | R Rowe |
| 116 | 0044 | SAILOR'S DANCE (D) (M Retzenberg) F Winter 5-11-8 | J Francome |
| 117 | 111u | SHERALAM (B) (M Hellyer) Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-8 | Mr R Beggan |
| 118 | 20 | SIERRA BARON (D) (W Wrelan) J Murphy (Ire) 5-11-8 | T McGivern |
| 119 | p12214 | SOME MACHINE (D) (W O'Gorman) D Nicholson 5-11-8 | P Scudamore |
| 120 | 9-121 | STONEY CREEK (C O'Connell) D Hughes (Ire) 5-11-8 | K Morgan |
| 121 | 013 | TERRYVALE (CD) (Miss J Hughes) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-8 | M Pitman |
| 122 | 0-11213 | THE BREENER (R Bott Wigmore St Ltd) O Sherwood 6-11-8 | Mr S Sherwood |
| 123 | 111 | THE LANGHOLM DYER (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 6-11-8 | – |
| 124 | 232-200 | THE WELSH WARRIOR (H J Joel) A Turnell 5-11-8 | Steve Knight |
| 125 | 121 | WELSH WARRIOR (H J Joel) A Turnell 5-11-8 | S McNeill |
| 126 | 103400 | KITTY COME HOME (C Offer) D R Tucker 5-11-3 | T McGivern |
| 127 | 221201 | MAGANYOS (D) (B) (D Samuel) N Henderson 5-11-3 | S Smith Eccles |
| 128 | 11211p | OUR LOUISE (D) (I Davidson) A Scott 5-11-3 | P Charlton |
| 129 | 930-102 | RHEFFANOSA (D) (Summerhill Stud) Miss A Sinclair 5-11-3 | C Brown |
| 130 | 230-220 | SWOP SHOP (J Sutcliffe) Miss Z Green 5-11-3 | J Goulding |
| 131 | 401101 | MENINGI (D) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 4-11-0 | N Tinkler |
| 132 | 240113 | MIRAMAC (D) (BF) (F Lee) F Lee 4-11-0 | S Holland |

1984: Browne's Gazette 6-11-8 Mr D Browne (11-2) M W Dickinson 18 ran.

4 Ararun, 6 The Breener, 8 Bonalma, 10 Welsh Warrior, Hypnotic, Rhoecus, 12 Sierra Baron, 14 Sailor's Dance, 16 Terryash, Maganyos. Just Alick, 20 others.

FORM: ARARUN, (11-4) 1½ L 2nd to Fredcoten (11-4) at Leopardstown (3m), SIERRA BARON, (1-1) 2½ L away 4th, earlier (12-0) a 5 L Punchestown winner from SIERRA BARON, (11-1) (2m hdle, £3,450, heavy, 16 dec, 17 ran). BONALMA, (10-0) 2½ sweeps hurdle runner-up to Hansel Rag (10-0) at Leopardstown (2m hdle, £24,393, good, Jan 12, 20 ran). HARRY HASTINGS, (12-0) 8L Ayr (2m hdle, £4,398, good to soft, Jan 5, 6 ran). JUST ALICK appeared not winner from Hand Over (11-12) (2m hdle, £2,131, soft, Dec 29, 8 ran). JUST ALICK appeared not to relish 2m 4f last time, previously (11-7) 3 L runner-up to Wing And A Prayer (10-13) at Sandown (2m hdle, £4,398, good to soft, Jan 5, 6 ran). SOME MACHINE, (11-3) 5 L Leopardstown winner from Superscienic (11-0) (2m hdle, £1,380, good, Jan 12,22 ran). THE BREENER, (11-5) beat Hunter River (11-0) ¾ L at Newbury (2m 4f hdle, £5,398, soft, Dec 29, 9 ran). Previously (11-7) beat Subsequent easy Windsor victor WELSH WARRIOR (11-7) by 4l on the same course (2m hdle, £2,013, heavy, Nov 24, 19 ran). HYPNOTIC (11-10) 3rd beaten 6 L to Lucky Rascal (10-7) 21 ran. Sandown 2m nov hdle good to soft Nov 30. RHOECUS (11-10) won 19 ran. Heydock 2m nov hdle good to soft Mar 1.
Selection: ARARUN.

**2.50 ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (Grade I: £20,075: 2m) (16)**

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| 201 | 11212u | BOREEN PRINCE (BF) (W Lanahan) A McNamara (Ire) 8-11-8 | N Madden |
| 202 | 11-114 | BRIGHT MORNING (M Stonor) D Grissell 7-11-8 | J Akehurst |
| 203 | 323411 | BUCK HOUSE (Mrs S Purcell) M Morris (Ire) 7-11-8 | S Smith Eccles |
| 204 | p-13313 | DESTINY BAY (CD) (G Johnson) N Henderson 7-11-8 | H Davies |
| 205 | 114214 | FREIGHT FORWARDER (CD) (Britannic Shipping) A Pitt 11-11-8 | A Webber |
| 206 | 1f3504 | HANDY BILLY (Lady Earle) J Webber 5-11-8 | A Brown |
| 207 | 0111111 | KARENOMORE (D) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 7-11-8 | B Powell |
| 208 | 0-04121 | MR MOONRAKER (Miss P Blackburn) L Kennard 8-11-8 | R Dunwoody |
| 209 | 14-1311 | ROADSTER (C,D) (C Nash) C Nash 9-11-8 | J Read |
| 210 | 2-22109 | STRAY SHOT (G Hubbard) J Gifford 7-11-8 | Peter Hobbs |
| 211 | 113121 | ST WILLIAM (D) (W Morecombe) R Hodges 8-11-8 | A Webb |
| 212 | 0-21124 | THE FOODBROKER (D) (B) (Food Brokers) P Haynes 9-11-8 | J Francome |
| 213 | 0-31163 | THE REJECT (D) (BF) (T Ludlow) F Winter 8-11-8 | G McCourt |
| 214 | 13-1132 | TOWNLEY STONE (D) (BF) (Mrs L Townley) J Webber 6-11-8 | P Scudamore |
| 215 | 221u21 | VERY PROMISING (Mrs J Saunders) D Nicholson 7-11-8 | A Griffiths |
| 216 | 48-04p9 | EMLYN PRINCESS (T Evans) J Thomas 5-10-9 | J Barstead |

1984: Bobsline 8-11-8 F Berry (5-4 fav) F Flood (Ire) 8 ran.

11-4 Karenomore, 7-2 Buck House, 11-2 Boreen Prince, Very Promising, 8 Townley Stone, 14 Mr Moonraker, 16 Roadster, St William, 20 others.

FORM: BUCK HOUSE (11-9) beat Dark Ivy (11-13) 6l at Leopardstown, BOREEN PRINCE (11-8) tracking the winner when swerving and unseating 4 out (2m 2f ch, £7,824, good, Feb 23, 8 ran. KARENOMORE (12-3) easy 3l Market Rasen winner, previously (11-9) beat ST WILLIAM (11-5) by 3l at Sandown, TOWNLEY STONE (11-10) 7l away 3rd and FREIGHT FORWARDER (11-10) 15l away 4th of 5 (2m ch, £7,822, good to soft, Mar 2, 12 ran). MR MOONRAKER (11-9) beat John's Present (11-5) by 2l at Lingfield. ROADSTER, (12-2) beat Admiral's Cup (11-10) 5l at Newbury, back 4th of 5 (2m ch, £7,035, soft, Feb 8, 8 ran). VERY PROMISING, (11-4) 2½ runner-up to Subs Bubs 3rd, BRIGHT MORNING (11-3) 12l away 4th and EMLYN PRINCESS (10-2) 8l back 6th of 10 (2m ch £2,524, good to soft, Mar 1). Previously VERY PROMISING, (11-4) 2½ away 3rd just in front of THE FOODBROKER (11-4) and THE REJECT (11-4) in 4th and 5th (2m ch, £5,609, good, Feb 6) STRAY SHOT (11-4) last of 7. (11-4) at Ascot. DESTINY BAY (11-8) 3l away 3rd of 16 (2m ch, £9,984, good, 7 ran). FORWARDER (11-11) 1½l away 4th (2m ch, £9,984, good, 7 ran).
Selection: VERY PROMISING.

**3.30 WATERFORD CRYSTAL CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade I: £38,030: 2m) (14)**

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| 301 | 21208-0 | AMARACH (CD) (M Pacifico) Mrs S Oliver 7-12-0 | J Duggan |
| 302 | 1-21111 | BROWNE'S GAZETTE (CD) (J Poynton) Mrs M Dickinson 7-12-0 | D Browne |
| 303 | 210-04 | CENTROLINE (A Bingley Ltd) C A Bell 7-12-0 | T Carmody |
| 304 | 0-33201 | DESERT ORCHID (D) (R Burridge) D Elsworth 6-12-0 | C Brown |
| 305 | 03-3241 | FREDCOTERI (D) (T Murphy) A L Moore (Ire) 9-12-0 | T J Taaffe |
| 306 | /121-12 | GAYE BRIEF (CD) (BF) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 8-12-0 | R Linley |
| 307 | 042-pb0 | MILLER HILL (J Harvey) D T Hughes (Ire) 9-12-0 | K Morgan |
| 308 | 2161-14 | NORTHERN TRIAL (D) (C Shack) P Kelleway 5-12-0 | R Dunwoody |
| 309 | 111102 | PASSAGE CREEPER (D) (Mrs S Hussey) P Mullins (Ire) 8-12-0 | A Mullins |
| 310 | 01-1101 | RA NOVA (D) (D Travers-Clark) Mrs N Kennedy 6-12-0 | M Perrett |
| 311 | 68-2130 | ROBIN WONDER (CD) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 7-12-0 | J O'Neill |
| 312 | 21-3131 | SEE YOU THEN (D) (Slype Wood Stud) N Henderson 5-12-0 | J Francome |
| 313 | 00-1116 | STATESMANSHIP (CD) (D Horswell) G Price 8-11-8 | P Scudamore |
| 314 | 046153 | STANS PRIDE (C,D) (Mrs M Morgan) G Price 8-11-8 | S Morshead |

1984: Dawn Run 6-11-9 J J O'Neill (4-5 fav) P Mullins (Ire) 14 ran.

11, 4-5 Browne's Gazette, 7-2 Gaye Brief, 12 Fredcotari, 16 Ra Nova, See You Then, 25 Desert Orchid, Passage Creeper, 40 Amarach, Robin Wonder, 66 others.

FORM: BROWNE'S GAZETTE, (12-1) easily beat :: Alten Glazed (11-5) 20l at Kelson (soft). previously at Kempton Dec 26 (11-3) beat DESERT ORCHID (11-3) by 15l, SEE YOU THEN, (11-3) 10l away 3rd, and RA NOVA (11-3) and STANS PRIDE (10-12) behind (2m hdle, £15,572, good to soft, 7 ran). BROWNE'S GAZETTE earlier (11-1) had previously easily beaten Very Present (11-5) by 2l at Lingfield. ROADSTER, (12-2) beat Admiral's Cup (11-10) 5l at Newbury, back 4th of 5 (2m ch, £7,035, soft, Feb 8, 8 ran). VERY PROMISING, (11-4) 2½ runner-up to Subs Bubs 3rd, BRIGHT MORNING (11-3) 12l away 4th and EMLYN PRINCESS (10-2) 8l back 6th of 10 (2m ch £2,524, good to soft, Mar 1). Previously VERY PROMISING, (11-4) 2½ away 3rd just in front of THE FOODBROKER (11-4) and THE REJECT (11-4) in 4th and 5th (2m ch, £5,609, good, Feb 6) STRAY SHOT (11-4) last of 7. (11-4) at Ascot. DESTINY BAY (11-8) 3l away 3rd of 16 (2m ch, £9,984, good, 7 ran). FORWARDER (11-11) 1½l away 4th (2m ch, £9,984, good, 7 ran).
Selection: VERY PROMISING.

**4.5 WATERFORD CRYSTAL STAYERS HURDLE (Grade I: £21,320: 3m 1f) (22)**

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| 402 | 3-32033 | ANOTHER SHOT (M White) P McCreery (Ire) 7-11-10 | Mr T M Walsh |
| 403 | 11104-1 | AONOCH (C) (M Pacifico) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-10 | J Duggan |
| 404 | 1-41230 | BAJAN SUNSHINE (P Green) M Tate 8-11-10 | S Smith Eccles |
| 405 | u32p41 | BALLY-OO (B) (C Bell) M W Easterby 8-11-10 | T Jenks |
| 407 | 412-210 | BOLANDS CROSS (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) N Gasalee 6-11-10 | R Linley |
| 408 | 010220 | CAMINO CRYSTAL (B) (P Doherty) S Christian 9-11-10 | K Mooney |
| 409 | 0-121u | CHURCH WARDEN (CD) (J Moreton) D Murray Smith 8-11-10 | G Bradley |
| 410 | 0-p3202 | CLINKER (A King) J Bosley 5-11-10 | Mr M Bosley |
| 411 | u203-13 | CRIMSON EMBERS (CD) (BF) (B) (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 10-11-10 | S Shilston |
| 413 | 00-3120 | FIGHTER PILOT (BF) (P Gray) M Pipe 5-11-10 | P Leach |
| 414 | 34222-b | GOLDSRUN (Ld Vestey) G Nicholson 7-11-10 | P Scudamore |
| 415 | 11-0001 | HERE'S WHY (B) (P Hopburn) J Gifford 8-11-10 | R Rowe |
| 417 | 233100 | LITTLE LONDON (T Morton) T Morton 8-11-10 | R Dunwoody |
| 418 | 000-000 | MALFORD LAD (C) (B) (R Hawker) R Hawker 7-11-10 | M Richards |
| 419 | 303-p00 | MOSSMORRAN (C) (D Armstrong) A Scott 8-11-10 | P Charlton |
| 422 | 211233 | PLAY BOY (Duke of Alburquerque) F Winter 6-11-10 | J Francome |
| 423 | 0-13303 | VIVAQUE (Mrs M Harman) D Elsworth 6-11-10 | J J O'Neill |
| 424 | 130032 | WE'LL SEE (R Bergin) F O'Brien (Ire) 9-11-10 | A J O'Brien |
| 425 | 030-130 | WONDER WOOD (D Robinson) R Holder 8-11-10 | P Richards |
| 426 | 19f112 | SUCIDRE (C) (R Tory) D Elsworth 8-11-5 | C Brown |
| 427 | 041000 | PHENIC (D Joyce) J Crowley (Ire) 9-11-5 | P Leach |
| 428 | 12-2011 | ROSE RAVINE (C) (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 6-11-5 | R Pusey |

1984: Gaye Chance 9-11-10 S Morshead (5-1) Mrs M Rimell 14 ran.

5 Aonoch, 11-2 Ross Ravine, 6 Bajan Sunshine, 8 Buckbe, 10 Crimson Embers, 12 Play Boy, Vivaque, 14 Church Warden, Goldspun, 20 Bally-Go, Another Shot, 25 others.

FORM: ANOTHER SHOT (11-4) 1½l 3rd to Fradcoteri (11-4) at Leopardstown, when BAJAN SUNSHINE (11-4) was another 3½l back in 5th (2m hdle, £20,979, good, Feb 20, 8 ran). AONOCH (11-10) 2½l Haydock scorer from Gambridge Jupiter (10-7) (2m 4f hdle, £1489, good to soft, Mar 1, 18 ran). CRIMSON EMBERS (10-9) 7l 3rd of 11 to Kissenjon (10-8) last time when VIVAQUE (11-3) 2½l away when scoring at Wincanton (2m 5f hdle, £1735, good, Nov 29, 6 ran). ROSE RAVINE (11-6) had PLAY BOY (11-8) 1½l away in 3rd when Ascot winner (3m hdle, £4495, good, Feb 6, 10 ran).
Selection: CRIMSON EMBERS.

### Cheltenham selections

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2.15 Hypnotic. 2.50 Buck House. 3.30 Browne's Gazette. 4.5 Rose Ravine. 4.40 BRUNTON PARK (nap). 5.15 Lefrak City.

By Michael Seely

2.15 Rhoecus. 3.30 Browne's Gazette. 4.40 BRUNTON PARK (nap).

**4.40 KIM MUIR MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £8,326: 3m) (20)**

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| 502 | 422211 | SESKIN BRIDGE (B) (President of Ireland) P McCreery (Ire) 7-11-8 | Mr T Walsh |
| 504 | 031803 | DUDIE (D) (M Moore) P Mullins (Ire) 7-11-0 | W P Mullins |
| 505 | 404001 | HERR CAPTAIN (D) (A Whattam) J Old 9-11-0 (6 ex) | E Whattam |
| 506 | /4-pp3f | SHADY DEAL (D) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 12-10-11 | T Grantham 7 |
| 508 | 1163-0 | BOB JOB (D) (J Brockbank) J Brockbank 12-10-11 | G Harker 7 |
| 510 | 1-22121 | BRUNTON PARK (D) (Mrs J Bendall) Mrs M Dickinson 7-10-10 (6 ex) | R J Beggan |
| 511 | 1f-2f11 | CHARTER PARTY (D) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 7-10-8 | T Thomson Jones |
| 512 | 2034p4 | KNOCK HILL (D) (P Thompson) J Webber 9-10-8 | M Bosley 7 |
| 513 | 10-4221 | DROPS O'BRANDY (D) (Mrs C Fairbairn) J Edwards 10-10-7 (6 ex) | A Wilson |
| 514 | p1-141p | GLYDE COURT (C) (C Cronin) F Winter 8-10-5 | S Sherwood |
| 515 | 13f11-1 | MISTER DONUT (D) (E Swatfield) R Hodges 7-10-5 | D Chesney |
| 516 | 031142 | MOUNT OLIVER (D Smith) M Scudamore 7-10-5 | M Price 7 |
| 517 | 113222 | SASHFUL LAD (D) (Mrs P Parkes) M Oliver 10-10-5 | M Richards 7 |
| 518 | 1004z2-0 | FAULCON (A Gleichauf) F Winter (Ire) 7-10-0 | M Brabrook 7 |
| 519 | 1/1fpp- | COMBE HILL (J Henderson) N Henderson 8-10-5 | D Murphy 4 |
| 522 | 3/342 | LAURENCE RAMBLER (B) (S Tindall) S Mellor 11-10-5 | NON-RUNNER |
| 523 | 202pp1- | FOXBURY (Exors of the late Mr M Richards) Mrs C Richards 11-10-5 | Des Williams 7 |
| 524 | 3p-0233 | ASSURED (C) (Lady Oakley) C James 12-10-5 | Miss S Lawrence 7 |
| 525 | 312-pp9 | UNDER-RATED (B) (R M English & Son) R Holder 7-10-5 | P McEwan 7 |
| 526 | b-pf113 | THREE CHANCES (D) (M Perry) R Champion 6-10-5 | M Low 4 |

1984: Broomy Bank 9-11-4 Mr A J Wilson (16-1) J Edwards 18 ran.

7-2 Charter Party, 9-2 Brunton Park, 7 Seskin Bridge, 8 Drops O'Brandy, 10 Glyde Court, Mount Oliver, 14 Mister Donut, 20 Bashful Lad, Three Chances, Herr Captian, 25 others.

FORM: SESKIN BRIDGE (11-8) short head Leopardstown winner from future Prosperity (10-0) (3M CH, £9,255, good, Feb 20, 10 ran). HERR CAPITAN (11-7) all out for 1½l Worcaster win over BASHFUL LAD (11-1) (3M CH, £1,507, good to soft, Feb 27, 18 ran). BRUNTON PARK, (10-11) left clear by last fence taller, beat Book Of Kells (10-4) by 10l at Market Rasen (3M CH, £1,944, soft, Mar 2, 8 ran); CHARTER PARTY (10-8) had KNOCK HILL (10-13) 23l back in 4th when Newbury winner (3M CH, £3,184, soft, Feb 8, 9 ran). GLYDE COURT, tailed off in Novice Chase when unseating rider last time out, previously (11-0) won Cheltenham Novice event by 2l from Von Trappe (11-0) (3M 1F CH, £4,495, good to soft, Jan 2, 6 ran). MISTER DONUT, unseated rider only start this season, at last year's festival ran 6 ½l 3rd (12-7) to Macks Friendly (12-7) in the National Hunt Chase (4M, £7,887, good, Mar 14). MOUNT OLIVER (11-7) 1 ½l 2nd of 10 to Cassie Warden (10-1) at Wincanton (3M 1F CH, £1,727, good to soft, Jan 25).
Selection: MOUNT OLIVER

**5.15 CHELTENHAM GRAND ANNUAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£10,781: 2m) (19)**

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| 601 | f-14232 | KATHIES LAD (CD) (J Clayton) A Jarvis 8-11-10 | S Smith Eccles |
| 603 | 1-33320 | KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (D) (W Whittread) F Walwyn 9-11-5 | K Mooney |
| 605 | 0p-4329 | RAGAFAN (D) (F Starr) J Jenkins 8-11-2 | J Francome |
| 606 | 031150 | RESTLESS SHOT (CD) (R Richmond-Watson) J Webber 10-11-2 | G McCourt |
| 608 | 1-24111 | BLACKFEET (D) (A McInally) J S Wilson 8-10-8 (3 ex) | S Charlton |
| 609 | 132200 | FOGGY BUOY (Lord Ronaldsshay) P Calver 11-10-7 | – |
| 610 | b01223 | GOLDEN FRIEND (D) (D Meade) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-7 | S Morshead |
| 611 | 0p-1210 | JO COLOMBO (D) (B O'Brien) Mrs W Sykes 10-10-8 | N Doughty |
| 612 | 0-31310 | RIVER RHEIN (D) (C Bowen-Colthurst) J Webber 8-10-6 | A Webber |
| 613 | 31/2211 | LEFRAK CITY (D) (Mrs D Twine) T Forster 8-10-5 | H Davies |
| 614 | 0033u2 | TOIRDEALBHACH (CD) (H Harpur-Crewe) P O'Connor 11-10-5 | F Berry |
| 615 | 02u340 | WALNUT WONDER (CD) (R Hickman) R Hickman 10-10-0 | J Bryan |
| 616 | 2121p1 | KEVINSPORT (D) (Mrs R Haggie) J FitzGerald 7-10-0 (3 ex) | M Dwyer |
| 617 | 221113 | KING'S JUG (CD) (BF) (David Timothy Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-0 | G Charles-Jones 4 |
| 618 | 321-0f6 | THE COUNTY STONE (Mrs A Taylor) J Thorne 8-10-0 | P Dwyer |
| 620 | 14-0230 | MIDNIGHT SONG (D) (Mrs D Price) T Forster 10-10-0 | R Dunwoody |
| 621 | 1-0f439 | LULAV (D) (C Gervanti) D Nicholson 7-10-0 | P Scudamore |
| 623 | 24p1s4 | DENNIS AUBURN (D) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 8-10-0 | R Crank |
| 624 | 041f1p | NUDGE NUDGE (D) (BF) (A Birchall) S Mellor 5-10-0 | M Parrett |

1984: Mossy Moore 8-10-0 J J O'Neill (11-2) B Chinn 13 ran.

11-2 Lafrak City, 7 Blackfeet, 8 River Rhein, Ragafan, 10 Golden Friend, 12 Kevinsfort, Toirdealbhach, Jo Colombo, 14 Kilbrittain Castle, Kathies Lad, 16 King's Jug, 20 others.

FORM: KATHIE'S LAD (10-12) 9l 2nd of 10 to Western Sunset (10-12) at Newbury (2m 4f ch, £6133, soft, Mar 2). BLACKFEET (11-13) won unchallenged 7l from Golden Fancy (11-6) (Doncaster 2m 1f ch, £2508, firm, Feb 23, 5 ran). GOLDEN FRIEND Distant 3rd (10-10) to Forgive N' Forget (11-8) over 2m 4f last time, previously (10-10)

CRICKET

# Australia's multi-coloured merry-go-round has the world in a spin

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

From many sides the Australian Cricket Board are being urged to take a grip on the state of the game in their country. But can they? For are they their own masters any more? It is against this background that the board will meet in Perth next month to review the season just ending.

It is not that too much cricket is being played, but that the one-day version, and all the gimmickry that goes with it, has got out of hand. "They are killing a good product – cricket". Allan Border said after his Australian side had been knocked out of the recent Benson and Hedges "World Championship of Cricket". "Everything is suffering – Tests, the Sheffield Shield. The people, even the players, are starting to say 'Oh God, not another one-day match' ".

Channel 9, the Packer network, will have televised 62 days cricket by the end of the 1984-85 season, the majority of them one-day matches. With the acquiescence of the Australian Cricket Board, the marketing company of Publishing and Broadcasting Limited (PBL) (a Packer off-shoot) is turning the game in Australia into a multi-coloured merry-go-round. Another season like this and they could be past the point of no return.

There will not, it is true, be a Victorian anniversary tournament another year. But Australia's bicentenary in 1988 would make a pretext for a similar promotion, and plans are already in hand to take advantage of the America's Cup in Perth in 1987 to stage a sporting carnival, with cricket well to the fore. No doubt the Western Australians would like to have lights on their ground as New South Wales and now the Victorians do, and the Victorians will say that if they had not staged the "World Championship of Cricket" it might have been some years before they got them.

Being the guardians of the game, it is for the Australian Cricket Board to get the programme in perspective. PBL are in it for the money, nothing else. But it is in their interests, too, that what Border calls the "product" should be genuine as well as lucrative, and enjoyed by the players.

The current decline in batting and bowling standards in Australia must be a direct consequence of so much one-day cricket. O'Donnell, the young Victorian, has already played twice as many one-day internationals for Australia as he has first-class games for his state.

## Kapil captain

**Delhi (Reuter) – Kapil Dev regained the captaincy of India yesterday. An Indian cricket board official said the 25-year-old all-rounder would lead India in a one-day international competition in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, from March 22–29.**

**Kapil Dev succeeds Sunil Gavaskar, who announced he would step down after the World Championship of Cricket final in Melbourne, where India beat Pakistan by eight wickets in the final.**

Australia probably have enough good players left, who put their game together before the present emphasis on biff and wallop, to have a fair chance of retaining the Ashes in England this summer; but the last nine weeks of unbroken one-day cricket can have done nothing to improve their prospects.

In 1977, when it was hijacked by Mr Packer, cricket in Australia was in rude health. On their own admission, the players were at last being better paid. The Centenary Test had just been a huge success, and within the previous three years Australia had reached the final of the first World Cup and trounced both England and West Indies.

If the game here has evolved since then, it has not, I am inclined to think, progressed. Many people were of the opinion that the Australian season ended on Sunday, with the last of the one-day matches. The fact that the final of the Sheffield Shield has yet to come is all too easily overlooked.

It seems crazy that the Test series should be over and done with even before the season is properly warmed up. To clear the decks for the one-day programme, the Melbourne Test of 1984 had to start three days before Christmas, with a disastrous effect upon attendances.

For Australia against England or West Indies a few years ago there would have been an average of 60,000 a day for this corresponding game; now there were fewer than 100,000 all together. One-day cricket seems, moreover, to give even the Australian selectors tunnel vision. They have chosen 15 sides to play in one-day internationals since the New Year, not one of them with a spinner in it.

We play plenty of one-day cricket in England. All round the world it has become a vital source of revenue, but nowhere else at the same cost to tradition as in Australia. So far the best cricketers everywhere, Australians not least, would rather win one dinkum Test cap than 50 one-day tassles, a priority that simply has to be preserved.

Until 1989-90 the Australian board are contracted to provide PBL with some 40 days of international cricket for the purposes of television. It is upon how these are arranged that the future of their game seems to me to depend. That is the package which will call for careful thought and strong government in Perth next month.

ROWING

# Oxford take time to wind up

By Jim Railton

The way things stand, Cambridge appear fluent and fast off the start and Oxford take their time to get wound up. Both were on the Tideway over the weekend. Cambridge mercilessly scalped Leander. Oxford eventually ground down the British lightweight eight and on Sunday added London University's Tyrian for good measure.

Oxford's longer encounter with the lightweight squad was of some interest. In a three-minute piece on a turning tide, Oxford's American stroke, Reininger, took a length in three-quarters of a minute but then appeared to sit on his opponents and achieved little more.

Oxford's main task, however, was a long, hard slog from above the Boat Race start to Hammersmith Bridge on a dreary tide. Oxford took the full force of a lateral wash early on and were a long time gathering their stride. For a full two minutes Oxford's rowing was distinctly heavy and it was six minutes before the Blue boat took command.

By the time Oxford shot through Hammersmith Bridge they had gained almost two lengths against their brave opposition.

Within two hours Cambridge were on the same stretch and, on a building tide, took two minutes less than Oxford. Cambridge's opponents were a somewhat disappointing lumbering crew. But Leander, to their credit, plodded for a full three minutes before Cambridge struck decisively. Well before Hammersmith Bridge was reached Cambridge were moving away stroke by stroke and they finished three and a half lengths clear.

The signs confirmed once again that the Boat Race, on April 6, could be a tight one, with sparks flying approaching Hammersmith Bridge. This Saturday Oxford defend their Reading head title.

OXFORD: G J Cardiedge (Hampton and New), bow, C L R Richmond (St Edward's and Christ Church), *B M Phillip (Downing, Cambridge and Worcester), A M S Thomas (Winchester and Pembroke), P M Hare (St Albans and Balliol), *D R G Jones (Sydney University New), *W J Lang (Wallingford and Magdalen), R M Reitzinger (Pennsylvania and University), stroke, *S R Lesser (Princeton and Magdalen), cox.

CAMBRIDGE: J S Whittar (Pangbourne and St Catharine's), bow, A L Pasternak (Bradford GS and Magdalene), J D Hughes (Bedford Modern and Downing), P H Broughton (Southampton University and Magdalene), S M Peel (King's Chester and Downing), *G A Barnard (Lakefield, Canada and Robinson), *J L Garrett (Shrewsbury and LMBC), *J M Pritchard (St Clement Danes and Robinson), stroke, H L Shaw (Harrogate and LMBC), cox.
*A Blue

YACHTING

## US spending $150m to regain Cup

Perth (AFP) – The head of one of the Australian syndicates vying for the right to defend the America's Cup in the 1986-87 series here admits that the home nation faces a huge challenge to retain the trophy.

"We are in danger of being blitzed by the American scientific approach," Sir James Hardy, chief of the South Australian syndicate, said yesterday. He was commenting on reports of an unprecedented mobilization of resources by the United States in an attempt to recapture the sport's top award, which they lost for the first time in 1983.

"What has Australia given engineering, apart from the Hills hoist (a rotary clothes line) and the starting gate (for horse races)?" he asked.

The United States teams are believed to have a combined budget of at least $150 million. "We are not in their league," Sir James said. "But, fortunately, it is not as simple as that. Yacht races are won by intuition and they will find us hard to beat down at Fremantle."

HOCKEY

## East Grinstead concern over N Ireland trip

By Sydney Friskin

**East Grinstead, who won the national club championship in 1984, have expressed deep concern over their prospective trip to Banbridge, in Northern Ireland, to play in the B division of the European club championship from May 24 to 27.**

**The club fear for the safety of their players and approaches have been made to various official bodies, including the European Hockey Federation, suggesting a change of venue, which at this stage may seem unlikely.**

**The senior division of this event is to be held at the same time at Frankenthal, West Germany. An English club have failed to qualify for this section for the first time. The only way to get back into it is for East Grinstead to win the B division, in which their chances are fairly good. They have not withdrawn from the Banbridge event, but the players themselves feel that, given the choice, they would rather not go there.**

ICE HOCKEY

## Newbon attacks 'bias' in game and resigns

By Robert Pryce

Gary Newbon, Central Television's head of sport and ice hockey's most visible representative, is resigning as the chairman of Solihull Barons, after the team caused their game at Sunderland on Saturday to be abandoned with just over two minutes of play remaining.

Seven players, five of them from Solihull, were sent off following two brawls in the 58th minute. Crowtree Chiefs, the home team, were leading 14-6 at the time. Solihull refused to play on.

"I've never seen anything like it," Chuck Taylor the Solihull player coach said. "There are some absurd referees in this country, but those three take the cake."

Newbon said he was "concerned and frustrated with the inconsistencies of the sport. There is too much bias in discipline, refereeing and other policies. It's a great game that is failing to keep up with its public progress"

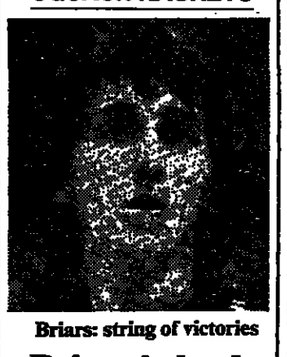
Solihull are by far the most penalized team in the Heineken British League this season, a fact which suggests either extreme bias on the part of referees or the lack of a cool head and clear authority on the team bench. Taylor disagrees. "It suggests to the suggestible listener that we play physical hockey," he said. "That's why we went so far in the Bluecol Cup, because we take the body. But referees don't understand. They think if it makes a loud noise, it's a penalty."

Despite dealing comprehensively with three of the four premier division teams they have faced this season, Solihull have all but destroyed promotion hopes with defeats at home to Peterborough in December – when they served 107 minutes in penalties – and at Crowtree on Saturday.

Durham Wasps are the new leaders of the premier division after their 5-4 win at third-placed Murrayfield on Sunday.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 10, Nottingham Panthers 1; Dundee Rockets 4, Cleveland Bombers 4; Murrayfield Racers 4, Durham Wasps 5; Streatham Redskins 5, Southampton Vikings 1; Whitley Warriors 12, Nottingham Panthers 7. First division: Crowtree Chiefs 14, Gl Solihull Barons 6 (abandoned after 57min); Glasgow Dynamos 14, Blackpool Seagulls 8; Bournemouth Stags 15, Deeside Dragons 4; Peterborough Pirates 11, Lee Valley Lions 2; Richmond Flyers 8, Altrincham Aces 7.

SQUASH RACKETS



Briars: string of victories

## Briars is back on top of the rankings

By Colin McQuillan

Gawain Briars, the former national champion whose star appeared earlier this season to have waned irretrievably, has sprung back to domestic prominence with a string of victories that place him at the head of the English rankings.

At 6ft 4in, Briars is unusually tall for a top squash player and seemed in recent times to have trouble matching the nimble court coverage of players with lower centres of gravity. He lost the 1983 British closed final to Philip Kenyon and in December he was beaten in the early rounds of the same championship by Ashley Naylor as Geoff Williams imperiously comandeered both the British title and the No 1 spot.

After withdrawing from all competitions for two months, Briars returned re-equipped with new-generation graphite rackets to win the Irish Open and the Wilson Greater London championships, each time beating the world No 3, Ross Norman, in straight games. In the American Express Premier League he successivley thrashed Geoff Williams, Stuart Davenport ahd Hiddy Jahan.

ENGLISH RANKINGS (previous position in brackets): 1, G Briars (2); 2, G Williams (Sussex) (1); 3, P Kenyon (Lancashire) (3); 4, H Jahan (Surrey) (–); 5, D Lloyd (Shropshire) (4); 6, D Pearson (Lancashire) (7); 7, B Bosson (Northumbria) (5); 8, A Naylor (Yorkshire) (6); 9, M Bodimeade (Berkshire) (8); 10, J Hickox (Surrey) (9); 11, R Forde (Cheshire) (11); 12, M Heal (Cheshire) (14); 13, D Lee (Surrey) (10); 14, J Clark (Durham) (24); 15, S Bateman (Yorkshire) (15).

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RUGBY UNION



Orwin: RAF may have prior call on his services

## Orwin may miss Bath semi-final

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

**Bath, the John Player Special Cup holders, will travel to meet Gloucester in the semi-finals of the competition on March 23. The irony of the draw made yesterday is that the South and the South-West merit table game between the clubs, which should have been played last month and which Gloucester desperately needed to win to try and ensure qualification for next season's cup, was called off because of the weather.**

**The other cup semi-final takes London Welsh to Coundon Road, where they will meet a Coventry side cockahoop after getting the better of the drawn game with Leicester last Saturday. London Welsh won their game with Coventry in November, but that was at Old Deer Park; away from home their record suggests fallibility.**

**Unfortunately the semi-finals clash with the inter-services game at Twickenham between the RAF and the Army. This could deprive Gloucester not only of their captan, Orwin, but also his replacement at the club, Burn, both of whom are corporals at RAF Brize Norton. The two have played together in the RAF second row this season and Burn came in for Orwin when he was ill and could not play for Gloucester in the cup game against Saracens.**

**RAF bye-laws state: "Selection for the RAF representative XV shall take precedence for the player over all other games with the exception of selection for the Combined Services, national trials and national teams." Orwin came up against the same problem three years ago when Gloucester played Coventry – and won – in the cup, but he was not then the club captain.**

**The worth of the England lock is indicated by the respect felt for him by his West Country colleagues. Spurrell, Bath's rugged captain and flanker, said yesterday: "John has been for years one of the most under-rated players in the country. He is a real player's player." Gloucester lost 19–9 to Bath in December at the Recreation Ground.**

**Redman, the Bath lock capped by England against Australia last November, injured a hand against Sale on Saturday and missed England's training at Stourbridge on Sunday. Also missing was Harding, the Bristol scrum half, who was recovering from influenza. However, he was confident he would be fit in time for the Calcutta Cup game with Scotland at Twickenham on Saturday.**

**Scotland have filled the vacancy among their replacements with the selection of Kennedy, the Watsonians centre, who scored a try against England last season. Holmes, the Welsh captain and scrum half, who left the field during Cardiff's defeat against Pontypool at the weekend, expects to be ready to lead his country for the second time, against Ireland at Cardiff Arms Park.**

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP: Semi-finals: Gloucester v Bath; Coventry v London Welsh.

## Fairbrother facing Oldies ban

By Tim Glover

**Keith Fairbrother, the former Coventry and England prop who switched to Rugby League, has entered a Rugby Union festival later this year, although the Rugby Football Union will almost certainly take steps to ban him. Fairbrother's team, Coventry Barbarians, are one of 180 clubs from 13 countries competing in the Golden Oldies Festival, which will be held in London from September 28 to October 4.**

**Fairbrother, who played in 12 internationals from 1969 to 1971, turned professional with Leigh for £15,000 in 1975 and retired three years later to concentrate on his business (he is already, on paper at least, a millionaire). As far as Rugby Union is concerned, it is a case of once a professional, always a professional, and many players who "go North" are not even welcome in the clubhouses they helped to fill.**

**The Golden Oldies event – to "provide fun, fraternity, and friendship" for 7,000 players – has an opening ceremony at Twickenham, the RFU headquarters. Bob Weighell, the RFU secretary, said: "Fairbrother cannot play or take any part in the administration of the game." Tony Carter, the festival chairman, is quite happy to allow Fairbrother to appear. "To attract some of the players back from Rugby League to union is not a bad thing," he said.**

**Fairbrother said: "The Golden Oldies is just a bit of fun, and I thought I would be able to play because it is not an affiliated event. If there is any conflict I shall pull out, although I think it will be small-minded of them if I'm banned. There will be a lot of ex-Rugby League players from abroad taking part."**

**Fairbrother is now involved in virtually every major sport except Rugby Union. He owns the biggest sports complex in Coventry, and is also the city's most properous fruit and vegetable wholesaler, with an annual turnover of £6m.**

**He recently bought the freehold to the county cricket ground in Coventry, where his latest acquisition, an American football team called the Bears, will make their home debut on April 7.**

**Fairbrother describes himself as a workaholic. "I start at 5am. The fruit and veg business takes up my mornings and the sports centre looks after my afternoons and evenings."**

**Saturdays are reserved for watching Coventry, and he never misses an England international. "Rugby Union has always been my game. I turned to Rugby League when I was in the twilight of my career, and I enjoyed the experience.**

**"My only regret is that I cannot put anything back into Rugby Union. I am not even allowed to coach my 11-year-old son. Players like Billy Beaumont and David Duckham are in the same position, and it is silly because it is the game that is losing out. I have never met anyone who agrees with the strictness of the laws governing professionalism."**

BASKETBALL

## Why the player of the year wanted to hide

By Nicholas Harling

Rarely can an award have been less gratefully received than the player of the year trophy was at Poundstretcher Hemel/Watford Royals on Saturday. The last thing the home team's guard, Nigel Lloyd, wanted was to be exhibited to the crowd so soon after he had cost them what realistically was their last chance of reaching Wembley for the national championship finals on March 30 and 31.

It was a poignant moment as the American stepped up to take the award for his performances over the season. A little earlier he had allowed himself to be dispossessed by David Lloyd (no relation), of FSO Cars, Manchester United, whose pass was immediately turned into the decisive basket three seconds from time by Jones, to give United a 69-68 win they scarcely deserved.

If United win tonight's return at Stretford, they will become the first club to qualify from the play-offs. If United lose, they will have to go to a third game with Hemel, also at Stretford, next weekend.

Hemel had recovered from an early five-point deficit to stretch a 35-32 interval lead into a seven-point advantage midway through the second half, with Lloyd (24 points) doing more than anyone to inspire them. Without Brown, who injured a knee in practice the night before, United struggled to keep in touch until Jones, whose shooting, particularly from the free-throw line, had been sadly amiss, sank their last two shots.

If Mathews and United could afford a laugh, so, too, could Kingcraft Kingston and Sperrings Solent Stars, the other two clubs who, having won their play-offs at the weekend, have one foot in the Wembley door. Kingston, the double champions, were level 57-57 at the interval before taking a decisive lead at Bracknell Pirates, whom they meet again at home tomorrow.

Solent scored the first 12 points at Nissan Bears Worthing and with a 10-point lead at half-time, had enough in hand to withstand Worthing's expected second-half recovery, which might have paid dividends had not their two American top scorers, Jenkins (28) and Cunningham (26), squandered their free shots. Robinson (24) and Griffiths (23) were the top marksmen for the 95-91 winners Solent, who are at home in tomorrow's return fixture.

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# VAT derogation notice lapsed with amendment of Act

**Direct Cosmetics Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and Excise**

Case 5/84

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President, and Judges G. Bosco, O. Due, C. Kakouris, P. Pescatore, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann and Y. Galmot

Advocate General: P. Verloren van Themaat

[Judgment delivered February 13]

Where national legislation was amended by the deletion of a reference to the criterion of protection of the national revenue, such an amendment constituted a "special measure" and a member state which failed to inform the Commission of such a special measure could not rely upon it against an individual before the national court.

Direct Cosmetics was a company specializing in sales of cosmetic products which could not be sold on the ordinary retail market. The cosmetics consisted of surplus stocks, discontinued lines and products packaged for a particular occasion, such as Christmas but which remained unsold by the date on which the occasion occurred.

Such products were bought cheaply from manufacturers and resold through agents in hospitals, factories and offices at Direct Cosmetics catalogue price. If the selling agent paid the sale price to Direct Cosmetics within 14 days he could retain a 20 per cent discount otherwise he had to pay the full price. It was established that the turnover of all of those agents was below the minimum limit laid down by United Kingdom legislation above which a person was liable to value-added tax.

The dispute was whether Direct Cosmetics had to pay VAT on the consideration actually obtained, or whether there was a derogation, covered by article 27 of the sixth Council directive (No 77/388/EEC) which allowed UK tax authorities to tax Direct Cosmetics on the basis of the sale price to the consumer, without therefore deducting the discount which formed the selling agent's remuneration.

The Finance Act 1977, introducing measures needed to bring UK tax legislation into line with the directive, amended schedule 3 to the Finance Act 1972 and gave the commissioners power to issue directions to taxable persons in order to take into account, for the purpose of calculating VAT, the sale price to the final consumer where goods were sold through non-taxable persons.

That provision was notified to the Commission as a derogating measure in accordance with article 27 of the directive.

Section 14(1) of the Finance Act 1981 replaced paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Finance Acts of 1972 and 1977 by a new provision which differed only in that the condition concerning "the protection of the Revenue" was repealed.

On December 7, 1982 the commissioners issued a direction to Direct Cosmetics under the provisions of the 1981 Act. Direct Cosmetics appealed to the London VAT Tribunal contending, *inter alia*, that the amendment constituted a derogation from article 11 A 1(A) of the directive which had not been authorized in accordance with article 27(1) and (2).

The commissioners argued that the amendment made by the 1981 Act did not affect the substance of the previous provisions so that the new provision was covered by the notification made in 1977.

The VAT tribunal stayed the proceedings and referred two questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment, the court held as follows:

Article 27 (1) provided that the Council might authorize any member state to introduce special measures derogating from the provisions of the directive, in order, *inter alia*, to prevent "certain types of tax evasion or avoidance". In its judgment of April 10, 1984 in Case 324/82, *Commission v Belgium* (not yet reported) the court emphasized that measures intended to prevent tax evasion or avoidance could not derogate from the basis for charging VAT laid down in article 11 except "within the limits strictly necessary for achieving that aim".

It followed that special new measures derogating from the directive did not accord with Community law unless they remained within the limits of the aims referred to article 27 (1) and they had been notified to the Commission.

The 1977 notification became ineffective from the moment the measure in question was replaced by a new provision under the 1981 Act, unless it was shown that the new provision was substantially the same as the previous provision.

The new version of paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the 1981 Act differed from the previous version by omitting the words "for the protection of the Revenue". By the deletion of those words, any apparent link to the exceptions laid down in article 27 (1) was severed and the power of derogation accorded to the commissioners was widened indefinitely.

Only a notification effected in conformity with article 27 (2) would have enabled the Commission and, where appropriate, the Council, to verify whether the new measure was still consistent with the aim laid down in article 27 (1).

It was not disputed that article 11, which provided that the taxable amount should be everything which constituted the consideration obtained from the purchaser by the supplier subject to the tax, had been duly incorporated into the fiscal legislation of the UK.

It was also clear that, at the material time, there was no "special measure" derogating from the directive which had been implemented in accordance with the provisions of article 27.

By virtue of the third paragraph of article 189 of the Treaty, member states were bound to observe all the provisions of the directive in so far as a derogation had not been established in accordance with article 27.

On those grounds the court held:

1 Where national legislation notified under article 27 (5) of the sixth directive was amended by the deletion of a reference to the criterion of protection of the national revenue, such an amendment constituted a "special measure" within the meaning of article 27 (1) requiring the member states to inform the Commission under article 27 (2).

2 A member state which had failed to fulfil its obligations under article 27 (2) by not informing the Commission of a special measure derogating from the provisions of article 11 A 1 (A) and thus requiring the authorization of the Council under article 27 (1) could not rely on that measure as against an individual seeking before the national courts the application of provisions of revenue law adopted in conformity with article 11 A 1 (A) of the directive.

# Foreign students' registration fee is in breach of Community law

**Gravier v Ville de Liege and Others**

Case 293/83

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President, and Judges G. Bosco, O. Due, C. Kakouris, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot and R. Joliet

Advocate General: Sir Gordon Slynn.

[Judgment delivered February 13]

The imposition of a charge upon students who were nationals of other member states as a pre-condition for admission to a vocational training course amounted to discrimination prohibited by the Treaty. Vocational training included instruction in the art of strip cartoons.

In Belgium, kindergarten, primary and secondary education was free of charge in the state system. Institutions of post-secondary or higher education could charge registration fees only in low amounts intended to contribute towards their social services.

However, since 1976/77 the national education budget had each year contained a provision authorizing the minister to establish an enrolment fee for foreign pupils and students whose parents were not resident in Belgium and who attended a state educational institution at the pre-school, primary, special, secondary, higher or technical levels.

On that basis, the Minister of Education issued each year a circular setting out the rules for the charging of the enrolment fee, known as a *minerval*, the amount of which varied according to the institutions and the level of studies.

The plaintiff in the Belgian proceedings, Francoise Gravier, who was French, went to Belgium in 1982 in order to study the art of strip cartoons at the Academie Royale des Beaux Arts in Liege, in a course of higher artistic studies. She registered for a four-year course of study.

For the 1982/83 academic year she sought exemption from the *minerval* of BFr 24,622 demanded of foreign students. That request was refused and Miss Gravier was then asked to pay the fees for the academic years 1982/83 and 1983/84. Since the sums were not paid in time she was refused enrolment for 1983/84 with the result that her Belgian residence permit was not extended.

Miss Gravier therefore brought summary proceedings against the city of Liege claiming exemption from the fee and the extension of her residence permit. She challenged the validity of the ministerial circulars which imposed the enrolment fee, maintaining that such an obligation constituted discrimination on the basis of nationality, prohibited by article 7 of the Treaty, and that a national of a member state should be free to enter Belgium for the purposes of study as a recipient of services under article 59 of the Treaty.

The city of Liege, joined as third parties, the Belgian state and the Communaute Francaise, the regional authority responsible for art education.

The President of the Tribunal de Premiere Instance, Liege, stayed the proceedings and referred to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the court held as follows:

The Commission considered that the imposition of the fee in question established a difference of treatment between students of Belgian nationality, whether or not their parents paid taxes in Belgium, and nationals of other member states and that that difference was based on the student's nationality.

Such unequal treatment based on nationality was regarded as discrimination prohibited by article 7 of the Treaty when it was within the scope of application of the Treaty.

It was important to clarify the nature of the problem. It concerned neither the organization nor the financing of education, but the act imposing a financial barrier to access to education which applied only to foreign students. Moreover, the case concerned a clearly delimited form of education, referred to as "vocational training" and "a course on the art of strip cartoons".

The first observation was that access to and the following of courses of education or apprenticeship, particularly when they involved vocational training, did not fall outside the scope of Community law. The common vocational training policy, which the Council was required to implement, pursuant to article 128 of the Treaty, was gradually being established. It constituted an essential part of the activities of the Community whose objectives included, *inter alia*, the free movement of persons, mobility of labour and the improvement of the standard of living of workers.

In particular access to vocational training was capable of facilitating the free movement of persons throughout the Community by allowing them to obtain a qualification in the member state where they intended to carry out their professional activities and by providing them with the opportunity to complete their training and to develop their particular skills in the member state where professional training included the appropriate specialization.

In its second question the national court sought to establish the criteria by which it could be decided whether a course on the art of strip cartoons could be regarded as vocational training.

The general guidelines established by the Council in 1981 showed that any form of education which provided a qualification or the particular skill required for the exercise of a particular profession, vocation or job, amounted to vocational training whatever the age and the level of training of the pupils or students and even if the course included an element of general education.

On those grounds the court held:

1. The imposition of a charge, a registration fee or a *minerval* as a condition for access to vocational training courses upon students who were nationals of other member states, where a similar charge was not imposed on national students, amounted to discrimination on the ground of nationality prohibited by article 7 of the Treaty.

2. The concept of vocational training included a course in the art of strip cartoons given by an establishment which provided advanced artistic education where that course prepared the student for a qualification for a specific profession, vocation or job or which provided him with the special skill for the exercise of such profession, vocation or job.

# Worker's family's right of residence

**Diatta v Land Berlin**

Case 267/83

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President, and Judges G. Bosco, O. Due, C. Kakouris, U. Everling, K Bahlmann and R Joliet

Advocate General: M. Darmon

[Judgment delivered February 13]

The members of the family of a migrant worker did not necessarily need to live permanently with him in order to have a right of residence in the member state in which he worked.

The plaintiff in the German proceedings, a Senegalese national, married a French national who lived and worked in West Berlin and joined him there in August 1977. She had been employed there continuously since February 1978.

She had lived apart from her husband since August 29, 1978 and occupied her own rented accommodation. She intended to divorce her husband as soon as possible under French law.

On the expiry of her residence permit, Mrs Diatta applied for an extension. That application was rejected by the Polizeipraesident (Chief Commissioner of Police), Berlin, on the ground that she was no longer a member of the family of a national of a member state of the EEC and that she did not live with her husband.

That refusal was upheld by the Verwaltungsgericht (Administrative Court) on the ground that she did not live with her husband. She appealed against that decision to the Oberverwaltungsgericht (Higher Administrative Court) and, that appeal having been dismissed, appealed on a point of law to the Bundesverwaltungsgericht (Federal Adminstrative Court).

That court decided to stay the proceedings and to request the Court of Justice of the European Communities to give a preliminary ruling on the interpretation of articles 10 and 11 of Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of the Council on freedom of movement for workers within the Community.

In its judgment, the court held as follows:

The questions asked by the Bundesverwaltungsgericht sought to establish whether the members of the family of a migrant worker necessarily had to reside permanently with him in order to have a right of residence under article 10 and whether article 11 established a right of residence which did not depend on the conditions in article 10.

That regulation was one whose purpose was to facilitate the attainment of the objectives of article 48 of the Treaty to enable a worker, *inter alia*, to move freely in other member states and stay there for the purpose of employment.

Article 10, while providing that certain members of the family of the migrant worker had the right to settle with the worker, did not require that the member of the family concerned lived with him permanently but, as indicated by paragraph 3 of that article, only that the accommodation available to the worker had to be considered suitable for the accommodation of his family. A requirement that the family should live permanently under one roof could not, therefore, be inferred.

Moreover, such an interpretation was in conformity with the spirit of article 11 which gave a member of the family the right to take up any activity as an employed person in the host state even if that activity was carried on at a distance from the migrant worker's place of residence.

It should be added that a marriage could not be regarded as having ended unless it had been dissolved by the appropriate authority. That was not the case of spouses who simply lived apart, even if they intended to divorce later.

With regard to article 11 it was apparent that it did not give the members of the family of a migrant worker a separate right of residence, but only a right to enter into employment in the member state.

On those grounds the court held that:

For the purposes of article 10 of Regulation No 1612/68 the members of the family of a migrant worker did not necessarily need to live permanently with him in order to have a right of residence under that provision and article 11 of the regulation did not establish a right of residence independent of that provided by article 10.

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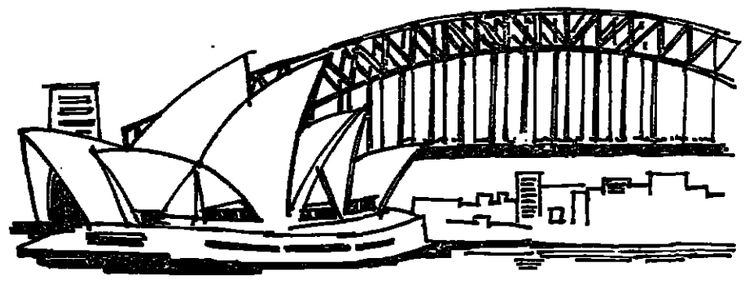
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**BARKER–BENFIELD.** – On March 11th to Marion and Charles, a beloved daughter, Victoria Albertine, a sister to Roderick and Marieke.

**CARLTON.** On 7th March at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, to Felicity and Peter, a daughter (Harriet Ruth), sister to Thomas.

**ELBORNE** – On March 7, 1985, at St Thomas's Hospital to Lucinda (née Bowen) and Mark, a son, Simon, a brother for Amelia.

**FEELY – DORSET.** On Monday 4th to Trotter a son Bilbo.

**GOWER** – On March 9, at the Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Pauline and Robert, a daughter, Rebecca Jane, a sister to Philippa.

**HEWLETT.** – On March 8th at West London hospital to Rachel (née Kay) and Richard – a son, George William Clyde, a brother for Polly.

**JAGELMAN** – On March 9, at The Rosie Cambridge to Susan and Rodney, a son, Timothy Alexander James, a brother for Rupert and Zoe.

**KELLY.** On 9th March at St Teresa's Wimbledon to Miranda and Dominic – a daughter (Alice), sister to Sabine.

**KIRCHNER** – On March 9th, to Sue (nee Reveen) and Charles – a son (Henry Thomas Charles).

**LEFROY** – On March 10, at Queen Charlotte Hospital, to Sue (nee Russell-Jones) and Tim, a daughter, Clementine Ann, a sister for Henrietta.

**MOTLEY** – On March 9 to Cecilia and Toby, a son.

**PAPE** – On March 8, to Cape Town, to Fiona (née Bairsto and Rowan, a daughter, a sister for James.

**ROBERTS** – On March 10, to Susan and Jocelyn, at the Portland Hospital, London, a daughter, Christiana Jane Seymour.

**STAPLETON.** – To Anna (nee Felli) and Peter, on March 9th at University College Hospital – a son (Paul Martin).

## DEATHS

**BARBER.** On March 10th Alan Theodore Dearly loved husband of Dorothy and father of Theodora, Gerald and Joanna. Master then Headmaster of Ludgrove from 1930 to 1973. Private cremation on Friday March 15th. Family flowers only. Memorial service at All Saints Church, Wokingham on Wednesday March 27th at 3 pm.

**BOND.** – On March 10th, suddenly and peacefully at home in her 88th year, Monica Mallock Bond, A R R C, third daughter of the late Mr & Mrs A. T. M. Bond, of Pyne House, Lyme Regis, Dorset. Requiescat in pace

**BOWIE.** On Saturday, March 9th, Irene Edith, wife of Rev. William Taylor Bowie (Bill) and mother of Patricia Diana and Delphine. A service will be held at St John's United Reformed Church, Hallowell Rd, Northwood on Friday March 15th at 10.45am, followed by a private cremation. Donations to Charles Edwin 29 Pinner Rd, Harrow or donations to The Ministers Fund, St John's United Reformed Church.

**BRADLEY** - On 9th March peacefully at home in Pinner, Joy (nee Hazeldean) beloved wife of Don and mother of David and Carol. Funeral 11.30am Tuesday, 19th March at the Breakspear Crematorium. All enquiries to T. Ellerton and Son Ltd, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner 866 0324

**BRIGHT** - On February 13, 1985, on mission for rural development in Manila, Philippines, W W Bright beloved father of Simon and husband of the late Joan (nee Sheppard) Requiem mass at St Mary's, Lewisham High St (Ladywell Station) at 5.30pm. March 15. No flowers. Donations to Tom and Joan Bellamy Bright Memorial Zimbabwe 253, Woodstock Rd, Oxford OX2 7AD.

**BROWN** – On 9th March peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage Betty Sutton Brown C.B.E., Superintendent W.R.N.F. ret'd late County Nursing Superintendent St Johns Ambulance Brigade, Hampshire. Loved & loving cousin of Dawn, Graeme and Sue Family and friends. Funeral Service at All Saints Church East Stratton on Friday 15th March at 2pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries and donations, if desired, for Cancer Relief to John Isted & Son Ltd. 6 Chesil Street, Winchester

**BULMER** – On March 8th 1985, peacefully at Longmeadow, after a short illness, Henry Heaven Bulmer, very much loved by his family and many friends. The funeral service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Hereford on Thursday, March 14th, at 10.30 and followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. There will be a Memorial Service in Hereford Cathedral on April 22nd at 11 am

**CAWDERY** - On March 8, at home, aged 86, John, beloved husband of Pat and adored father of John, Philip and daughters Susan and Sharon, peacefully after courageously fighting a long illness. Funeral service at 2pm at Southend Crematorium, Tuesday March 12. All friends welcome.

**COLE** – On 3rd March 1985, very peacefully, Louise Sophia Cole (née Dutton), aged 91 widow of Lt Col. Stanley Cole, CMG, OBE, and beloved mother of Louise Meisel.

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**CREIGHTON** - On March 10, Thomas McCully, M.D., of 42 Charles St., Mayfair, W1 beloved husband of Betty. At a nursing home. In his 96th year. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, 10.30am, March 15. Friends welcome.

**DAVIS** – On March 7 1985 at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, Hella (nee Bernstein), dearly loved wife of Jimmie and mother of Catherine and Stephen.

**ETCHELLS,** AGNES KATHLEEN, relict of Robert Victor and beloved mother of Peter, of Ashby Manor, Vicarage, Lutterworth, Leics, in hospital at Coventry on March 6th 1985 in her 90th year. Jesu, Lover of Mary, help. All letters will be answered, but please, no telephone calls.

**GARLAND** – On March 6th at Chichester, Edward James Garland formerly Captain E. J. Garland R.F.C., D.L.C., in his 88th year, husband of the late Rosalind, father of Patrick Ewart. Private family Funeral at Chichester Crematorium, on Friday, March 15th at 11 a.m.

**GOWER** – On March 8th, Eric after a short illness bravely borne, a fighter to the end. Adored husband of Dawn, much loved father of Toni, Jane, Jill and Matthew and loving grandfather of Ben, Nicole, Katy and Joshua. The funeral service will be held at St Theresa's R.C. Church in Beaconsfield on Monday, March 18th at 2.15, followed by private cremation, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

**HAMBLY EDMUND F.R.C.S** - March 9th peacefully at home, Treharrock, Sear Green, Beaconsfield, Beauchamp loved husband, father of Elizabeth, Tim, Francis and Anthony. Beloved by his grandchildren. Burial on Friday 15th 10am, St Kew, Cornwall. Memorial meeting 2.30pm March 22nd at Jordans Meeting House.

**HESKETH** – On March 8th 1985, peacefully at home at St Margaret's, John Haskets, beloved husband of Elizabeth. Cremation at Barham, Kent, Friday 15th at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research.

**HIND,** SHEILA. – On March 9th peacefully at Honeycrest Nursing Home, Lots of Leatherhead School of Music. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Monday March 18th at 12.30. No flowers please.

**KENYON** On March 7, 1985 peacefully at his home in London, John Halland Kenyon, much loved husband, father and grandfather Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday March 18 at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the Diastic Society, c/o J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 85 Westborne Grove, London W2 4UL. Tel: 01-229 9861

**LUCAS** – On March 10, peacefully at St Thomas's Hospital, Dolly Lucas, OBE, wife of the late Claude Lucas. Funeral arrangements by Kenyon. Family flowers only, donations to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

**MARNIAU, Senta** (née Polzin), wife of Alfred, mother of Corinna (Sr Maximillian), on March 9th. Beatus quem elegisti et assumpsisti: inhabitabit in atriis tuis. Requiem Mass (nine to the Immemorial rite) on Friday, March 15th, at 10.30 at the Church of the Assumpsion & St Gregory, Warwick Street, London W1. All enquiries or flowers to A. France & Son, 45 Lambs Conduit Street, London WC1. Tel 01-405 5901.

**MEYER** – On 7th March 1985, in hospital, Hedwig, Funeral service in St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, 2pm, Thursday, March 14th followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium 3.20pm. No flowers but donations if desired to St Martin-in-the-Fields Restoration Fund.

## DEATHS

**OXLEY, JULIAN.** – On March 8th, 1985 suddenly aged 28 years. Dearly loved son of Janet and Derrick and brother of Matthew. Funeral at the Perth Crematorium, Aldershot, on Friday 15th March at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations for Great Ormond Street Hospital and all enquiries to H. C. Patrick & Co. Farnham, Surrey. Tel: (02252) 714884.

**O'HARA** – On 11th March 1985, Dom Cedric Monk, of Downside. Aged 69. Requiem Mass at St Edmunds, Bungay, Thursday, 14th March at 11am. Funeral: Downside Abbey, Saturday, 16th March at 2.30pm. R.I.P.

**PERRIS–DENZIL.** Editor South Magazine. Husband of Nicole, and father of Ramit, Suren and Savitori, suddenly on 5th March in London. Interment details to follow.

**SHERWOOD** – On March 8 1985. Elizabeth Alberta, aged 41 years, beloved wife of Martin and mother of Paul and Justine.

**SINGER** – On 6th March 1985, Ben aged 75 years, husband of Sylvia, father of Jonathan and Phillip and grandfather of Natasha Sheer Wood. Shelbridge Road, Sindon, West Sussex BN18 0LT.

**SKAILES.** On March 9th in hospital, Eleanor Joyce of Almington Hall, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Funeral service will be held at Hales on Thursday 14th March at 11.30am. No letters please.

**SMITH** – On March 10th 1985, Stanley E. Smith, at Clare Park Clinic after a short illness. Much beloved husband of Pat (Lowe-Bourne, Farnham) his integrity, wit and humour endeared him to family including nieces and nephews both related and "adopted." Also friends. "Surely there is a substance from the common earth was given." Funeral service on Friday March 15th at St James's, The Bourne, Farnham at 10.15am. Cremation private. Flowers to H. C. Patrick & Co. Farnham.

**THOM,** ROBERT VICTOR GILMOUR of Tregarrock, Delabole, on March 8, peacefully at home. Late of the Isle of Cumbrae, Beloved husband of Mary and devoted father of Johanna and Janet.

**WALKER ISABELLA.** – On 7th March, 1985, Nanny Hurt, beloved friend and nanny of the Hurt family for over 60 years, peacefully at Ashbourne. Funeral Wednesday, 13th March, Ilam Church near Ashbourne, 3 pm. Enquiries: A. Slater & Sons, Funeral Directors, Ashbourne 4253.

**WASS** – On her birthday, March 9th, 1985, Dorothy Wass of Bramble, Station Lane, Shipton-by-Benningbrough, York, widow of William George Wass and much lived mother of Daphne.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

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**POWELL,** RICHARD PEARCE, on March 6, Loved husband of Joan, of Tudor College, South Stoke, Oxon. Service at Thameside, Monday, March 18, 2.30. St Andrews Church, South Stoke. No flowers. Donations in lieu to RNLI.

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6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Selina Scott and Nick Ross. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.18; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; news with Debbie Rix at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20. Plus, fashion news gardening advice: and a recipe

9.20 **Ceefax. 10.30 Play School** (r). **10.50 Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather report comes from Michael Fish **12.57** Regional news (not London)

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** includes the first of a film series in which top flower arranger Howard Franklin visits the gardens that have inspired his finest work. Today he returns to the garden of his youth. **1.45 Hokey Cokey** a See-Saw programme for the very young (r)

2.00 **The Cheltenham Festival.** Coverage of four races (two on BBC 2) from the first day of the top class meeting, introduced by Julian Wilson. The Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2.15): and the Arkle Challenge Trophy Steeplechase (2.50). The 3.30 and 4.05 races are covered on BBC 2

3.05 **Ceefax 3.48** Regional news (not London)

3.50 **Play School**, presented by Carol Leader. with guest Ben Thomas **4.10 Dastardly and Muttley.** Comedy cartoon (r). **4.15 Jackanory.** Hayley Mills reads part two of Tatty Apple. by Jenny Nimmo **4.30 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon version. **4.35 Think Again.** Johnny Ball presents the facts about electricity in a lighthearted manner (r). **5.05 Newsround** with Paul McDowell

5.10 **Why, Sir? Me, Sir?** Part one of a new six-episode series about a class of non-achievers and their master's efforts to make them work.

5.35 **Dr Kildare.** Nurse Zoe Lawton receives some fatherly advice from Dr Gillespie. Will she take any notice? (r).

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **EastEnders.** Kelvin, the 16-year-old son of builder Tony Carpenter, wants to live with his father when his parents divorce, but his father is temporarily "of no fixed abode" (Ceefax).

7.30 **Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's guests are Duncan Norvelle, Barbara Windsor, Chris Tarrant, Sarah Greene, Frank Carson and Leslie Ash.

8.05 **Maelstrom.** The sixth and final episode of the mystery and Catherine at last finds out the truth about her inheritance (Ceefax).

8.50 **Points of View.** Barry Took with another selection of letters to the BBC.

9.00 **News** with Michael Buerk. Weather.

9.25 **Miami Vice.** The second and final part of the story and Crockett and Tubbs are even more determined to bring Calderone to justice after the murder of Lt Rodriguez. Their investigations lead to the Bahamas where they find they have no jurisdiction and no help from the local police.

10.15 **Film 85,** presented by Barry Norman. There are reviews of 2010, Wetherby and A Soldier's Story, a film that has earned three Academy Award nominations

10.45 **Loose Ends.** Lighthearted general knowledge panel game, presented by Tim Brooke-Taylor

11.15 **The Cheltenham Festival.** Highlights of the opening day of the premier National Hunt meeting.

11.35 **Weather.**

## TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.22; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; Frank Ifield remembers at 7.17; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.45; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.40; cooking at 9.03. The guest is Simon Callow.

## ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools:** How to talk about the future. For the hearing impaired. **9.47** Maths: the number eight. **9.59** Getting on with other children. **10.17** Flues. **10.37** German conversation. **11.02** Learning to read with Basil Brush. **11.15** Using hands to pass messages. **11.32** Finding and collecting things. **11.49** The manufacture of chocolate.

12.00 **Cockleshell Bay.** Seaside adventures of the Cockle twins (r). **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.**

1.00 **News at One** and weather. **1.20 Thames news** with Robin Houston. **1.30 Strangers.** The three CID officers face violence when they investigate the British end of a German Deutschmarks gang of forgers (r).

2.30 **Daytime** presented by Sarah Kennedy. **3.00 Gambit.** Quiz game for married couples, presented by Tom O'Connor. **3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors.**

4.00 **Cockleshell Bay.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Bunnicula the Vampire Rabbit** Cartoon (r). **4.45 CBTV.**

5.15 **Emmerdale Farm.** Who will be the new president of the Horticultural Society? Will Amos or Seth be thwarted by an unconsidered third party?

5.45 **News** and weather **6.00 Thames news.**

6.20 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Crossroads Care Attendance Scheme which provides badly needed help for those caring for disabled people in their own homes.

6.30 **Crossroads.** Lack of funds puts a strain on a friendship.

6.55 **Reporting London.** Eight months after having an epidural injection during the birth of her baby, a woman lies in coma in an east London hospital. Jackie Spreckley asks why statistical information about this widely used form of anaesthetic has not been collated to prevent the risks of serious tragedies and reduce the cases of painful side effects. Plus, an examination of London's Labour MPs who are facing re-selection problems in multicultural constituencies.

7.30 **Busman's Holiday.** Quiz game, this week between a team of vicars from Manchester; a team of doctors from Hertfordshire; and a team of women prison officers from Bristol (Oracle).

8.00 **Up the Elephant and Round the Castle.** Comedy series starring Jim Davidson (r).

8.30 **Chance in a Million.** Alison Little gives her parents cause for alarm after she returns home from meeting Tom Chance dressed only in underwear and a borrowed fur coat (first shown on C4).

9.00 **Television.** Part five examines the power of pictures in the news (Oracle) (see Choice).

10.00 **News at Ten** and weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 **Widows.** The three women carry on with their plans for the robbery depite the unwanted intrusion of the Fisher brothers (r).

12.25 **Night Thoughts.**



Richard Nixon: Television (ITV, 9.00 pm)

● **THE POWER OF PICTURES** (ITV, 9.00pm), the fifth in Granada's kaleidoscopically organized *Television* series, carries a brief preface from Sir Robin Day that sounds like a sweeping generalization. Television reporting, he opines, is tabloid in effect, appealing to the emotions more than to the intellect; concerned more with exposure than exposition. Hardly anythihng we see tonight contradicts that view – which proves either that Sir Robin is right, or that Michael Beckham, producer and director of *Television*, has selected only the items that fit the argument. I suspect the truth, as so often, lies half-way between the two, although, in fairness to both Sir Robin and Mr Beckham, the one particular year, 1968, examined in some detail tonight, was a year the tabloid effect was very evident, with television coverage of the Vietnam war (like M*A*S*H, someone says, only bigger), having first swung American public opinion in favour of the campaign, then swung it the other way, and with pictures of the Tet offensive that marked the end of American intervention and paved the way for President Johnson's departure from the White House. Tabloid power was very evident, too, in the television pictures of the bloody Biafran business, the battle of Grosvenor Square, and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. But when it comes to the destructive power of the TV news camera, there is nothing in tonight's film to touch the fall of Richard Nixon. Denied the opportunity of covering the actual Watergate break-in, the cameras eventually got generous compensation: they were there to record the casting of votes to impeach the disgraced President.

## CHOICE

● Radio highlights: **A PERFECTLY COLOSSAL TIME** (Radio 4, 4.00pm) is Andrew Green's tongue-in-cheek account of Clara Butt's tour of the Antipodes in 1908 which, though triumphant in terms of capacity audiences and public adulation, was marred by the lack of column inches devoted to it in the only paper considered by Mr Green and Dame Clara to be worthy of mention, *The Daily Telegraph* . . . I also liked Tom Hutchinson's **RAYMOND CHANDLER IN HOLLYWOOD** (Radio 4, 12.27pm) which shows that the impact Hollywood had on the creator of Philip Marlowe was as powerful as the impact he had on Hollywood.

**Peter Davalle**

## BBC 2

6.55 **Open University:** Social Sciences: Turning it Round. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**

9.26 **Daytime On Two:** Modern history: the problems of post-war Europe. **9.48** Maths: graphs. **10.10** Part eight of Fair Ground. **10.35** The economic development of Brazil's Amazon region. **11.00** How animals use camouflage to hide from danger. **11.17** The development of towns in the Middle Ages. **11.40** A student's eye view of undergraduate life.

12.00 French language version of the Year of the French programme about a family-owned hotel in La Rochelle. **12.30** The eighth film in the series on contemporary Japan. **1.00** Maths for adults studying for O-level. **1.15** Science: alternative sources of energy. **1.38** Plant eaters. **2.00** For the very young. **2.15** Earthquakes and volcanoes. **2.40** Patterns – in the forest and on the seashore.

3.05 **The Cheltenham Festival,** (continued from BBC 1) The Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy (3.30): and the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle (4.05).

4.20 **Ceefax.**

5.25 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 **Pageant.** A documentary, first shown on BBC North East, about the preparations of the people of Warkworth in Northumberland for a pageant, re-creating the stormy history of the Border country, in the grounds of Warkworth Castle.

6.00 **The High Chaparral.** Apache renegades lay seige to the ranch.

6.50 **Off the Record.** Steve Blacknell talks to Tessa Sanderson about her record collection.

7.00 **Whistle Test.** The television debut of the controversial group, the Jesus and Mary Chain. Others playing live are the Faith Brothers.

8.00 **Top Gear.** William Woollard tests the Sinclair C5 and other electric vehicles from this country and Denmark; Chris Goffey discusses Peugot's 205 Electrique; and Sue Baker road tests the Toyota MR2.

8.30 **Entertainment USA 2.** Jonathan King in Hawaii where he talks to Magnum star, Tom Selleck, George Benson and The Animals. There is also a clip from the new film thriller, Into the Night, and the latest US pop videos.

9.00 **Inside Out.** The Excell agency of former criminals is asked to test security arrangements at a factory. (Ceefax).

9.50 **Pot Black 85.** David Icke introduces the second quarter-final – between Cliff Thorburn and Willie Thorne.

10.15 **Maestro.** A profile of the wayward football genius, George Best.

11.00 **Newsnight. 11.45 Weather.**

11.50 **Open University:** Ethnology: Newts to Newborns. **12.15** Development in a Turkish Village. Ends at **12.45.**

## CHANNEL 4

2.30 **The Human Jungle: Dual Control*.** The psychiatrist's patient this week in a young woman who lives in the shadow of her successful sister. Her confidence is so undermined that she throws herself in front of a taxi in order to gain attention.

3.25 **Film: Phoney Express*** (1943) starring the Three Stooges as patent medicine sellers who are mistaken for detectives by a gang of bank robbers. Directed by Del Lord.

3.45 **Years Ahead.** A magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. The programme includes Betty Foster demonstrating how to make all kinds of seams without using a needle and thread: and a film in the Access slot made by wheelchair bound Joy Longhurst of Cambridge that makes plain the good and the bad points of wheelchairs and the problems faced by those who are confined to them.

4.30 **Countdown.**

5.00 **Bewitched.** Samantha tells her uncle that she is cross with her mother for encouraging the baby to use its power of magic.

5.30 **Making the Most Of . . .** The final programme of the series on inexpensive leisure pursuits. Ashley Jackson puts the finishing touches to the still life painting in pastels; Mike Smith has advice on picture framing; and Heather Angel explains how to take top-class photographs with an inexpensive camera.

6.00 **The Avengers*.** Steed returns from holiday to find Mrs Peel gone and her place taken by a mysterious blonde.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment.** With his view on a matter of topical importance is Robert Hutchison, a research fellow at the Policy Studies Institute. Weather.

8.00 **Brookside.** Pat makes his singing debut at the club.

8.30 **Holiday Talk.** Pamela Stephenson tells Lesley Judd why she took her babe on a holiday to the Los Angeles Disneyland; and Vickie Leon, author of the Moneywise Guide to California, has tips on getting the most from your dollars.

9.00 **Film: Mother, Jugs and Speed** (1979) starring Bill Crosby, Racquel Welch and Harvey Keitel. A black comedy about a private ambulance company in a desperate struggle with another firm to service a section of Los Angeles. Directed by Peter Yates.

10.45 **Black on Black.** Among the guests are Little Richard who talks about sex, drugs, rock 'n roll and God. He also performs his new gospel music; Tam David-West, the Nigerian oil minister, on the prospects of an oil-price war; and Sir Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth secretary general talking about the role of the Commonwealth.

11.40 **Closedown.**

## Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. **6.00** News Briefing: Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer.

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.20, 8.00 News. 7.20 Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4444 – The Weather. Questions to Bill Foggitt and Martin Morris.

10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent.

10.30 Morning Story: "A Disgrace to School, Religion and Country". Written and read by Jude Collins.

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 21).†

11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-minute Theatre: "Never Laugh at a Hypochondriac" by Patrice Chaplin. With Patricia Hodge and Alison Steadman. A man's past and present girl friends meet.†

11.33 Wildlife.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Paul Heiney with news and advice for consumers.

12.27 Raymond Chandler in Hollywood. Film critic Tom Hutchinson looks at the love-hate relationship between a man and a city (see Choice). **12.55** Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an investigation by Gabrielle MacPhedran into ethnic minority programmes on television, and part six of Shadows on Our Skin.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: Summer Visitors. by Stephen Fagan. With Saeed Jaffrey. A hostile reception for an Indian who takes his English wife and children on holiday to a village in Devon.†

4.00 News; A Perfectly Colossal Time. A chronicle of Clara Butt's impact on King Edward's antipodean dominions. Presented by Andrew Green (see Choice).

4.40 Story Time "Miss Mole" by E. H. Young. Abridged in ten parts (7). Read by June Barrie.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. **5.50** Shipping Forecast. **5.55** Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News, incl Financial Report.

6.30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere: "An Everyday Story of Towering Genius" by Sue Limb. A soap opera in four parts (3) (r).

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 File on 4. A week before the Budget. Michael Robinson examines some of the Government's main economic targets.

8.00 Medicine Now. With Geoff Watts.

8.30 The State of the Vatican. The Vatican houses one of the greatest collections of art treasures in the world. Bernard Jackson sees some of them.

9.00 In Touch. News, views and information for people with a visual handicap.

9.30 Treasure Islands. Novelist Joseph Hone tells the story of his recent travels in the Caribbean islands (4): Dominica: Paradise Regained.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes an item on the Richard Deacon exhibition at the Tate.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "The Green Man" by Kingsley Amis. Abridged in ten episodes by John Scotney (7). Read by Julian Glover. **10.29** Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, incl **11.00** Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament. **12.00** News; Weather. **12.33** Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: **5.55–6.00am** Weather; Travel. **11.00–12.00** For Schools. **1.55–3.00pm** For Schools. **5.50–5.55** PM (continued). **11.00** Study on 4: Crisis in Education. **11.30–12.10** Open University: **11.30** Open Forum: Students' magazine. **11.50** Acceptance of Continental Drift. **12.30–1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting.

## Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Mozart's Symphony in D major K 19 (Odense SO under Veto): Jirovec's Partita Concertante for wind instruments (Collegium Musicum, under Vajnar): Elgar's Wand of Youth suite No 1, Op 1a (LPO under Boult).† **8.00** News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Lennox Berkeley's Sonatina (Galway/ Goldstone): Gounod's Serenade (Mesple, soprano, with Reiss, piano): Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel einmal anders (Chicago Pro Musica): Schumann's Symphony No 1 (LSO under Krips).† **9.00** News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. (2) Mendelssohn in Britain. Performances on record of the overture The Hebrides; the Symphony No 1; and the songs Ermteliod; Ich wollt'meine Liab; Gurss; Lied aus Ruy Blas; Abendlied; Wasserfahrt. The singers are Fischer-Dieskau and Victoria de los Angeles.†

10.00 A Summer Tale: Czech Philharmonic under Sejna play Josef Suk's Symphonic Poem Op 29.†

10.55 French Religious Music: BBC Singers in works by Poulenc (including Motets pour un temps de penitance), and Caplet (Mass, for women's voices).†

11.40 Weber and Mozart: Members of Nash Ensemble with Michael Collins (clarinet) and Ian Brown (piano). Weber's Clarinet Quintet Op 34: and Mozart's Clarinet Trio in E flat, K 498 (Kegelstatt Trio).†

12.35 BBC Scottish SO (under Hurst). Part one. Schubert's overture: Entracte in B flat: ballet music in G (Rosamunde).† **1.00** News.

1.05 Concert: part two. Brahms's Symphony No 1.†

1.55 Guitar Encores: Vlaimir Mikulka plays Rak's Romance: and Nikuta Koshkin's Clock Music.†

2.15 Wond'rous Machine: Recordings of Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E flat (St Anne), BWV 552, orchestrated by Schoenberg: Mozart's Epistle Sonata No 17 in C, K 336: Copland's Symphony for organ and orchestra (Swann, organ): Haydn's Missa in honorem B V M (Great Organ Mass), and Stravinsky's arrangement of Choral Variations on Vom Himmel hoch.†

4.00 Oboe and piano recital: John Anderson and Richard Nunn. Works by Sinigaglia: Donizetu: Pasculli; Selber: Attila Bozay: and Gyorgy Ranki (Don Quixote y Dulcinea).† **4.55** News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Geoffrey Norris's selections.†

6.30 Robert Whyte: recordings of the motets Regina coeli: Porbo mea Domine: Domine quis habitavit: Christe qui lux es.†

7.00 Wavesongs: Gordon Crosse's new work for cello and piano Played by Alexander Baillie and Ian Brown.†

7.30 BBC Philharmonic (under Leppard). With Ida Haendel (violin). Part one. Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for strings: Britten's Violin Concerto.†

8.20 Heyday's: London wine-bar comedy series starring Cyril Cusack. (1) Called to the Bar (r).

8.40 Concert: part two. Walton's Symphony No 1.†

9.35 BBC Singers (under Joly): Jolivet's Epithalame pour orchestre vocal a douze parties, and the Exploration of the extremes of vocal virtuosity, coeval with his better-known instrumental concertos.†

10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Sirius Musik.†

11.00 Chamber Orchestra Series: Warsaw Sinfonietta (under Bugaj) play Grazyna Bacewicz's Symphony in E flat major: and Tadeusz Baird's Colas Breugnon (Suite in the old style).†

11.57 News. **12.00** Closedown.

VHF only: Open University from 6.35am to 6.55. Acts of God?

## Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF or stereo. News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30** and **8.30.**

**4.00am** Colin Berry.† **6.00** Ray Moore.† **8.05** Ken Bruce.† **10.30** Jimmy Young † **1.05pm** Sports Desk: David Jacobs.† **2.00** Gloria Hunniford † incl **2.02; 3.02** Sports Desk. Racing from Cheltenham: **2.50, 3.30** races. **3.35** Music All The Way.† **4.00** David Hamilton † incl **4.02; 5.05** Sports Desk **6.00** John Dunn † Incl **6.02** Sports Desk **6.45** Sport and Classified Results. MF only **8.00** Hubert Gregg says I Call it Style (Composer Vivian Ellis). **9.00** BBC Radio Orchestra.† **9.55** Sports Desk **10.00** Pop Score **10.30** The Law Game (new series). **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) **1.00am** Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† **3.00–4.00** Night Owls

## Radio 1

On medium wave † also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from **6.30am** until **9.30pm** and at **12 midnight.**

**6.00am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Read. **9.00** Simon Bates **12.00pm** Gary Davies incl **12.30** Newsbeat **2.30** Steve Wright. **5.00** Bruno Brookes incl **5.30** Newsbeat. **7.30** Janice Long (featuring a session from Marc Almond) **10.00–12.00am** John Peel † **VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00am** With Radio 2. **10.00pm** With Radio 1. **12.00–4.00am** With Radio 2.

## WORLD SERVICE

**6.00** Newsdesk **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Seven Wonders of the Modern World **7.45** Network UK. **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Sins of Old Age **8.30** The Elements of Music **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** What's New **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Crevasse Jump **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Letter from London **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Foreign Correspondent **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Recording Of The Week **2.00** Outlook **2.45** In Spite of Ourselves **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Meridian **5.40** Scotland This Week **8.00** World News **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** Scotland This Week **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Romantic Piano **11.30** Meridian **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report On Religion **1.45** Country Music Profile **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Romantic Piano **2.30** Crevasse Jump **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Waveguide **5.45** The World Today

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**BBC1 WALES:** 12.57pm–1.00 News of Wales headlines. **3.48–3.50** News of Wales headlines. **5.35–6.00** Wales today. **6.35–7.00** The Chris Stuart Cha Cha Chat show. **9.25–10.15** Miami Vice. Part one of Hit List. **10.45–11.15** Sporting Chance. **11.35–11.40** News and weather. **Scotland. 12.57pm–1.00** News of Wales headlines. **6.35–7.00** Reporting Scotland. **10.45–11.00** The Collectors. **11.00–11.15** Jean Redpath sings. **11.35–11.40** News and weather. **NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.57pm–1.00** Northern Ireland news. **3.48–3.50** Northern Ireland news. **5.35–5.40** Today's sport. **5.40–6.00** Inside Ulster. **6.35–7.00** Dr Kildare. **10.45–11.15** Spotlight. **11.35–11.55** See here! **11.55–12.00** News and weather. **ENGLAND: 6.35pm–7.00** Regional news magazine. **10.45–11.15 East** – Spectrum. **Midlands** – Midlands tonight. **North** – Northern Lights. **North-East** – coast to coast: a working day. **North-West** – Ghosts and legends. **South** – Southern Life: Blues. **South-West** – Southern Life: Blues. **West** – RPM.

**S4C** Starts **1.00pm** Countdown. **1.30** Alice. **2.00** Hwnt ac yma. **2.20** Ffalabalam. **2.35** Daearyddiaeth. **2.55** Interval. **3.25** The Late, Late Show. **4.20** A Plus 4. **4.50** Ffalabalam. **5.05** Bilidowcar. **5.35** Project UFO. **6.30** Larwm. **7.00** Newyddion Saith. **7.30** Cefn Gwlad. **8.00** Dragon has two tongues. **8.30** Relative Strangers. **9.00** Elinor ac erailll. **9.45** Cosby Show. **10.15** City General. **10.45** Film: Who's that knocking at my door. **12.25am** Closedown.

## REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: **12.30pm–1.00** Calendar. **1.20–1.30** News. **3.30–4.00** Country Practice. **5.15–5.45** Dreams. **6.00** Calendar. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** Emmerdale Farm. **12.25am** Closedown.

**TVS** As London except: **1.20pm** News. **1.30–2.30** Country Practice. **3.00–3.30** Questions. **5.15–5.45** Sons and daughters. **6.00** Coast to coast. **6.25** Police 5. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00–7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **12.30am** Company, Closedown.

**CENTRAL** As London except: **12.30pm–1.00** Gardening Time. **1.20–1.30** News. **5.15–5.45** Keep it in the family. **6.00** Crossroads. **6.25** News. **7.00–7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **12.25am** Closedown.

**ANGLIA** As London except: **12.30pm–1.00** Garden for all. **1.20–1.30** News. **6.00** About Anglia. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00–7.30** Diff'rent Strokes. **12.25am** Question of Lent, Closedown.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: **12.30pm–1.00** Gardening Time. **1.20–1.30** News. **6.00** North Tonight. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00–7.30** Keep it in the Family. **12.25am** News, Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: **1.20pm–1.30** News. **3.00** Vintage Quiz. **3.30–4.00** Adventurer **5.15–5.45** Silver Spoons. **6.00** Lookaround. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00–7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **12.25am** News, Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except: **1.20pm–1.30** Granada Reports. **3.00** Glass Box. **3.30–4.00** Gambit **5.15–5.45** Cartoon Alphabet. **6.00** This Is Your Right. **6.05** Crossroads. **7.00–7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **12.25am** Closedown.

**SCOTTISH** As London except: **12.30pm–1.00** Gardening Time. **1.20–1.30** News. **3.30–4.00** Sons and Daughters. **6.00** News and Scotland Today. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00–7.30** Diff'rent Strokes. **12.25am** Late Call. Closedown.

**TSW** As London except: **12.30pm–1.00** Look who's talking. **1.20–1.30** News. **3.30–4.00** Sons and Daughter. **5.15–5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West. **6.30** Televiews. **6.40** Consumer Check. **7.00–7.30** Who's the Boss? **12.25am** Postscript, Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except. **1.20pm–1.30** News **3.00–3.30** Nothing But The Best **5.15–5.45** Vintage Quiz **6.00** News **6.02** Crossroads **6.25** Northern Life **7.00–7.30** Emmerdale Farm **12.25am** I've Got News For You. Closedown.

**CHANNEL** As London except **12.30pm–1.00** Look who's talking. **1.20–1.30** News **3.30–4.00** Sons and daughters **5.15** Wattoo Wattoo. **5.20–5.45** Gulliver **6.00** Channel Report. **6.30** Secrets of the coast. **7.00–7.30** Who's the Boss **12.25am** Closedown.

**ULSTER** As London except **1.20pm–1.30** Lunchtime **3.30–4.00** Nature of Things **5.15–5.45** Cartoon Alphabet. **6.00** Good Evening Ulster. **6.35** Crossroads **7.00–7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **12.25am** News, Closedown.

**HTV WEST** As London except **1.20pm–1.30** News **5.15–5.45** Beverly Hillbillies' **6.00** News **6.35** Crossroads **7.00–7.30** Emmerdale Farm. **12.25am** Closedown.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: **6.00pm–6.35** Wales at six.

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Music by
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AN EPIC LOVE STORY by
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# Regret, but no grief, in streets of Moscow

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centuries of bureaucracy and inertia.

The resumption of dialogue between the superpowers is seen by the man on the street and by Western ambassadors alike as Mr Chernenko's lasting achievement in an Administration otherwise not distinguished by anything very much except an attempted reform of the school system and a faintly absurd move to represent Mr Chernenko as a dynamic leader of superhuman wisdom and experience rather than the increasingly tired and old fashioned bureaucrat he actually was.

Neither the many self-awarded medals making up for his lack of a war record, the glorification of his role in the border guards as a young man, nor the giant airbrushed portraits of him in Red Square during festive parades could disguise the fact that for the third time in three years Russia had a President who seemed to symbolize a country in decline rather than the superpower the Kremlin likes to compare with the United States.

"He was never there when we needed him," one young Russian said sardonically. "We are tired of invisible presidents."

It was a mark of President Chernenko's long decline that for once Russians were prepared to make jokes about their leader without looking over their shoulder to see who was listening.





The Gorbachovs during their London visit last December and (right) in animated conversation with Mrs Thatcher at Chequers



All ages: Mr Gorbachov (right, back row), as Politburo member, voting at a Supreme Soviet meeting.

# Gorbachov takes office with plea for arms accord

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who had appeared as acting leader during the elections – took his place.

At the Central Committee yesterday Mr Gorbachov praised Mr Chernenko as a man with a "responsive heart and organizational talent" but implied criticism of his predecessor by saying Russia now needed to make a "decisive turn" towards economic and technological achievement through "perfection of the economic system and entire management" – the Andropov code words for reform. He said the independence of factories had to be enhanced.

Moscow was swept by rumours that Mr Chernenko had taken a turn for the worse on Saturday and Sunday, but diplomats took the arrival of M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, and the departure of Mr Mikhail Zimayatin, senior party official, for West Germany on Sunday as signs of normality.

The early return of Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky from the United States and of Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov from Yugoslavia, alerted observers to the crisis, which was confirmed when Moscow radio began to play sombre music during the night. Mr Zimyanin was hastily recalled from Hamburg.

The transition was much faster than in February last year, when there was a delay of four days between Andropov's death and the election of Chernenko as his successor. The impression that Mr Gorbachov had already manoeuvred into position as heir apparent was confirmed when he was named head of the funeral commission, in the past a pointer to the succession.

An official biography charting his rise from provincial party leadership in Stavropol, an agrarian region, to Politburo membership in 1980 said Mr Gorbachov had always worked with "the initiative, energy and selflessness typical of him". He had "knowledge, wealth of experience and organizational talent".

Mr Gorbachov yesterday hinted at a new anti-corruption drive by saying "resolute measures" were needed to remove "all alien phenomena from our life and set things in good order".

Mr Chernenko, a stocky, white-haired man with a life-long background in party administration, had shown little enthusiasm for the economic experiments and anti-corruption drive launched by Andropov.

Informed sources said Mr Gorbachov would begin to form his own team, as Andropov had done. There have been almost no changes at the top for over a year.

Sources said Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the 79-year-old Prime Minister, who has long wanted to step down, might retire so that Mr Gorbachov could work with his own prime minister. The leading candidate is Mr Vorotnikov, a fellow member of the younger generation and fellow Andropov protégé.

The Supreme Soviet (Parliament) will meet next month to elect a new state president.

# Kremlin's man of business

By Joe Ravitch

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's week-long visit to Britain last December was marked by a businesslike atmosphere of cordiality and an absence of political confrontation.

Politics even took a back seat when Mr Gorbachov was meant to pay his respects at the grave of Karl Marx in Highgate cemetery; he left journalists awaiting in the cold and instead went on a sight-seeing tour of St Paul's and the Jewel House at the Tower of London.

Balding and short, Mr Gorbachov does not have the physical appearance of a great leader. Yet despite his unprepossessing appearance and conservative dress, the new Kremlin leader impressed everyone with his friendly demeanour and seeming good humour.

Mr Gorbachov, described by Mrs Margaret Thatcher as a man she could "do business with," impressed business leaders and politicians around Britain. Mr Allan Gormly, managing director of John Brown, described Mr Gorbachov as "good-humoured and personable" after his meeting with the Soviet delegation.

Letter from Menomonie

# Prairies and plough under threat

Here, in the drama of the Prairies, is the farmer with his plough. And here is his wife with her apple pie. Two all-American rugged inidvidualists. But now, entering stage right, is the President. His lips are scroogely tight. He orders our heroes out into the snow. Some of the audience is booing.

One of the President's problems in dealing with the agriculture mess is the image of the farmer. Above all else, America was built ny farmers and although today relatively few Americans work the land the farmer has a special place in the hearts of a sentimental people.

The Prairies and the plough shaped the nation and the family farm is embedded in the American consciousness. When the President was campaigning and talking airily of traditional values he used happy farmer images as part of his evocation of an optimistic, freedom-loving country of independent-minded people.

Today, with thousands of farmers drowning in debt and yelling for help, the President, a former lifeguard, is nailing down the lifebelts.

These are the worst farming years since the depression. And it is not only the angry and bewildered farmers who feel the pinch. Banks closely tied to the rural economy are in trouble and some have failed. Towns in the breadbasket mid-west are suffering as business droops.

Farming is in trouble because of Government policies and because farmers and bankers bit off more than they could chew during the roaring 1970s when the Government encouraged farmers to grow as much as they could and earnings and exports soared. Farmers were encouraged, too, to buy more land, and they borrowed heavily.

But now the night of the dollar has shrunk the export market and there is a glut of farmland. Land prices have slumped. Deeply in debt, many farmers are unable to raise the money for their spring planting.

The President's budget director thinks farmers are the authors of their own misfortune in taking on too much debt in the fat years. During his election campaign the President boasted of the 35 billion dollars he had given to farmers. Now, with his monstrous deficit to cut, he has rejected a farming bail-out, expecting to improve his political credibility by standing firm. A recent poll, however, showed that most Americans think farmers should be supported.

The farmers' case against the President is that he has betrayed decent, hard-working Americans, the family farmers who run the nation's largest industry, keepers of a great heritage, who voted Republican in great numbers.

Most specialists expect things to get worse. Richard Most, a bank loan officer in Menomonie, Wisconsin, said: "This low cycle could last another five years. If the trends continue many people will go bankrupt. The Government was too good to farmers, encouraging overproduction. Now it is pulling the rug out. The town economy has been hurt. We see a lot of stress."

Helen Govin, a farmer's wife, said: "People are depressed and despairing.

She and her husband, Neil, farm 460 acres here. The farm has been in the family since 1854. Today their assets and debts are equal. They are waiting to seek if they get A$200,000 loan with which to pay off their most pressing debts and start spring planting. They think they will get the loan because they are efficient farmers and the Government lending agency thinks they have a good chance of pulling through.

Mr Govin rues his purchase of another farm for $105,000 in 1981. He said the bank encouraged him. He put it on the market a year ago, but no-one wants it.

"The Government lacks compassion. People in politics get further and further away from farming. They do not see the connection between the agricultural economy and the whole economy. What I regret is that at the age of 61, when I was hoping to retire, I'm trapped in debt and face years of struggle. Farmers have to be optimists, but I've never known such bad times."

Trevor Fishlock

## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Today's events

#### Royal engagements

The Queen holds an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

Princess Anne, Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, attends a luncheon given by the Wardens of the company at the Guildhall Club, London at 12.40; and later attends a Livery Banquet of the Worshipful Company of Carmen at Mansion House at 7.15.

The Duke of Gloucester opens the new Art School at The College, Winchester, Hampshire, and arrives by helicopter at 11.45am.

#### New exhibitions

*Images of India, photography by* Neil McBeath: Edinburgh College of Art, Lauriston Place, Sculpture Court, Mon to Fri 10 to 5 (ends Mar 29).

The Print in England, 1790 to 1930, and English Woodblock Illustrations from Thomas Bewick to Eric Gill; Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street, Cambridge; Tues to Sat 10 to 4.55, Sun 2.15 to 4.55 (closed Good Friday and all Mondays except April 8) (ends May 5).

#### Talks and lectures

The European Court by Sir Vincent Evans, B.49, Trent Building, University of Nottingham, 8.

Tacitus and the opposition to Roman Emperors by Mr J J Paterson, Attenborough Lecture Theatre 3, University of Leicester, 5.15.

Afghanistan: behind Russian lines by Sandy Gall Catholic Chaplaincy, Newcastle University, 8.

Excavations at Basing House, Hampshire by David Allen, Lecture Theatre, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, 7.30.

Misapplying economics by Michael Summer, Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre, University of Sussex, Brighton, 6.30.

On editing voltaire by Prof W H Barber, Reception Room, Wills Memorial Building, University of Bristol, 5.15.

A naturalist in East Anglia by Mr S Bayliss, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, 3.

The justification for the arts in education by Dr David Best, Drama Studio, Haworth Building, School of Education, Leazes Road, Durham, 4.15.

#### Music

St Patrick's Choral Society, operetta, Down Leisure Centre, Northern Ireland, 8.00.

*Brass and Organ recital*, All Saints Church, High Street, Maldon, Essex, 7.45pm.

Organ recital by Ronald Frost, St Ann's Church, Manchester, 12.45.

Concert by the Northern Sinfonia, Stockton Parish Church, 7.45.

English and French songs by the Paragon Singers of Bath, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Bristol, 7.30.

Guitar duo by Peter Howe and Simon Cartwright, Chichester Cathedral, 1.10.

Harpsichord recital by Alan Brown, Firth Hall, Western Bank, Sheffield, 7.30.

Concert by the choir from Massachusetts, Coventry Cathedral, 1.

Concert by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Philharmonic Hall, 7.45.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Town Hall, Cheltenham, 7.30.

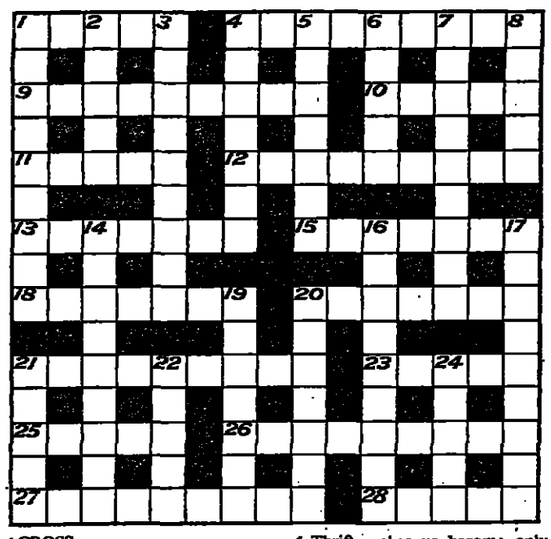
Organ recital by Laurence Jenkins, Leeds Town Hall, 1.05.

#### General

60th Chelsea Antiques Fair, Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, 11 to 7.30 daily, (ends Mar 23).

Ideal Home Exhibition, Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, SW5, 10 to 8 daily (ends Mar 31).

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,683



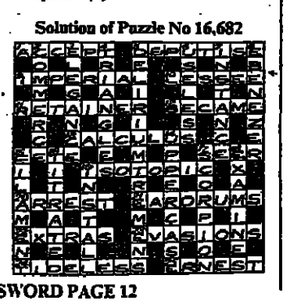
ACROSS

1 Cat – middle of well – in awkward situation (5).
4 Trophy held in disrespect for the glare of publicity (9).
9 Blame for writing in copperplate perhaps (9).
10 Spare-time occupation riding this horse? (5).
11 "Here —s bloom as they are told" (Brooke) (5).
12 Step in with tender and ice-breaker (9).
13 Prospect – or aspect if one's bold, say? (7).
15 Reward that may be paid as a matter of policy (7).
18 Dirty work bringing little honour to the railway (7).
20 What to do if she's frigid? (7).
21 Call me with our revised description of compound structure (9).
23 Trunk found in the forest or somewhere else (5).
25 Dressing up? Clementine's shoes are the limit! (5).
26 Does such a book define "deciduous"? (5-4).
27 Mercury, for example, is a runner (9).
28 Negotiate free entertainment (5).

DOWN

1 Pirate captain has to secure a firearm (9).
2 Near beer to be had here? (5).
3 To play this you must knock on wood (9).
4 Thrift makes us become only mildly enraged, say? (3-4).
5 What a short dance! (7).
6 Hard-hearted king whose widow was merry (5).
7 Imitate Horatio's "sheeted dead" to his embarrassment? Nonsense! (9).
8 Your old yours truly, Herb (5).
14 For markings in court distraught master holds student in (4-5).
16 Law-making as the function of players (9).
17 Vegetable, well-rounded, the pea (9).
19 You will, it's said, surpass record for winter fuel (4-3).
20 Refuge in the middle of the garden retreat (7).
21 A wee drop in the bar (5).
22 Status of a saint in the Church (5).
24 Old official with rough-sounding spouse (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,682



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### Anniversaries

Births: John Aubrey, Easton Piercy, Wiltshire, 1626. John Frederic Daniell, chemist, London, 1790. Gabriele D'Annunzio, poet and politician, Pescara, Italy, 1863. W. H. R. Rivers, Luton, near Chatham, Kent, 1864. Vaslav Nijinski, Kiev, 1890.

Deaths: Saint Gregory, Pope, 590 to 604, Rome. 604. Sun Yat-sen provisional president of the Republic of China, 1911-12, Peking, 1925.

### Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

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### TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending March 3:

BBC

1 Last of the Summer Wine, 16.75m
2 Miss Marple: A Murder Is Announced (Fri), 15.35m
3 The Laughter Show, 15.15m
4 Only Fools and Horses, 14.90
5 Miss Marple: A Murder Is Announced (Sat), 14.45
6 One By One, 14.25m
7 Eastenders (Tue), 14.20
8 Odd One Out, 14.10
9 Are You Being Served? 13.85
10 Miss Marple: A Murder Is Announced (Thur), 13.75m

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada, 18.05m
2 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada, 16.55m
3 Crossroads (Thur) Central, 14.80m
4 Crassroads (Tue) Central, 14.40m
5 Crossroads (Wed) Central, 14.20m
6 Bleaman's Holiday Granada, 14.15
7 Game For A Laugh LWT, 14.00m
8 Cover Her Face Anglia, 13.75m
9 This Is Your Life Thames, 13.65m
10 Roll Over Beethoven Central, 13.60m

BBC 2

1 Blott On The Landscape, 9.75m
2 The Bob Monkhouse Show, 5.65m
3 Horizon, 5.10m
4 Just Another Day, 4.45m
5 Gardeners' World, 4.35m
6 Rockford Files, 3.70m
7 Horizon West, 3.30m
8 Nature, 3.25m

Channel 4

1 Beyond Reasonable Doubt, 5.60m
2 Brookside (Mon), 5.40m
3 Treasure Hunt, 5.35m
4 Relative Strangers, 4.85m
5 Brookside (Tue), 4.65m
6 Countdown (Thur), 4.00m
7 Countdown (Fri), 3.70m
8 Countdown (Wed), 3.45m
9 Countdown (Tue), 3.40m
9= Fragile Earth, 3.40m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audience at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.8m (7.3m).
TV-am: Good Morning Britain: Mon to Fri 2.3m (10.1m); Sat 2.5m, Sun 1.7m (Sat or Sun 7m).
Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

### Best champagnes

Champagne prices are rising, but in a blind tasting of 54 champagnes costing under £7, the following were best liked:
Comte de Blanzac, Brut Reserve, Oddbins, £5.99
Lambert & Cie, Grande Reserve Extra Dry, Peter Dominic, £6.89
Duval Leroy, Brut, Lay & Wheeler, Colchester, £6.98
J de Telmont, Blanc des Blancs Cremant, Majestic Wine Warehouses, £6.99
A Charbaut et Fils, Rose Brut, Majestic Wine Warehouses, £6.99
Source: *Decanter*, March, 1985.

### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Interception of Communications Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): National heritage (Scotland) Bill, report.

### Roads

London and the South-east: A315: Hounslow High Street, west London: roadworks, diversions. A13: Gallows Corner flyover, closed outside the rush hours affecting traffic travelling between A12 Eastern Avenue and A127 Southen Arterial Rd, Gidea Park, east London. M25: Between junctions 30 and 29 (A13 and A127 junctions) northbound delays north of Dartford Tunnel.

Midlands: M6: Between junctions 4 (Coleshill) and 5 (Castle Bromwich, West Midlands) delays. M6: Between junctions 10A and 11 beside Hilton Park Service area, Staffordshire, contraflow. A34: Between Stafford and Cannock, Staffordshire, works at Redford Bridge and Queensville.

North: A1: Wetherby roundabout, Yorkshire, resurfacing, delays. M180: Humberside, traffic confined to hard shoulder. A64: Between York and Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, contraflow.

Wales and West: A5: (Clwyd) traffic lights in use on the Betws-Y-Coed to Corwen Road at Cerrigydrudion, also at Maerdy temporary signals. A470: (Powys) temporary signals at Erwood between Builth and Llyswen. M50: Junction 1 (Tewkesbury) lane closures. M50: Junction 2 (A417 Ledbury), contraflow.

Scotland: A68: North of Lauder, single line traffic. A68: South of Pathhead, roadworks. A77: (Ayrshire) lane closures along Kilmarnock by-pass between Bellfield (A71) and Fenwick.

### President Chernenko

The Soviet Embassy in Kensington Gardens, London, will open its Book of Condolences for the late President Chernenko from 10am to 6pm today and tomorrow.

### The pound

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.80 | 1.85 |
| Austria Sch | 26.35 | 25.15 |
| Belgium Fr | 75.80 | 72.30 |
| Canada $ | 1.57 | 1.49 |
| Denmark Kr | 13.45 | 12.80 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.84 | 7.44 |
| France Fr | 11.42 | 10.92 |
| Germany DM | 3.76 | 3.58 |
| Greece Dr | 191.00 | 150.00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 8.80 | 8.20 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.22 | 1.16 |
| Italy Lira | 2340.00 | 2230.00 |
| Japan Yen | 295.00 | 278.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 4.25 | 4.05 |
| Norway Kr | 10.78 | 10.28 |
| Portugal Esc | 203.00 | 193.00 |
| South Africa Rd | 2.55 | 2.30 |
| Spain Pta | 206.50 | 195.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.68 | 10.18 |
| Switzerland Fr | 3.19 | 3.05 |
| USA $ | 1.125 | 1.075 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 282.00 | 265.00 |

London: The FT index closed up 1.1 at 989.2.

### Snow reports

| | Depth (cm) L | U | Piste | Conditions Off Piste | Runs to resort | Weather (5 pm) – | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Crans-Montana | 20 | 120 | hard | crust | worn | fair | +1 |
| Icy patches on lower slopes | | | | | | | |
| Davos | 40 | 170 | good | powder | fair | snow | –5 |
| Good skiing of upper slopes | | | | | | | |
| Flaine | 85 | 290 | good | varied | good | cloud | 0 |
| Higher runs excellent | | | | | | | |
| Gstaad | 30 | 70 | good | varied | worn | sun | +3 |
| Good skiing upper slopes | | | | | | | |
| Kitzbühel | 15 | 75 | worn | powder | closed | snow | +4 |
| Conditions improved by snow | | | | | | | |
| Les Arcs | 60 | 180 | fair | varied | fair | cloud | –4 |
| Light snowfalls today | | | | | | | |
| St Moritz | 80 | 130 | good | varied | good | sun | –5 |
| Pistes good, windswept high | | | | | | | |
| Verbier | 60 | 190 | good | varied | good | fine | +4 |
| Pistes hard packed | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 40 | 120 | good | crust | fair | snow | 0 |

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes.

### Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Interception of Communications Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): National heritage (Scotland) Bill, report.

### Lighting-up time

London 6.30 pm to 5.50 am
Bristol 6.40 pm to 5.59 am
Edinburgh 6.40 pm to 6.04 am
Manchester 6.37 pm to 5.58 am
Penzance 6.52 pm to 6.11 am

### Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | s 7 | 45 | Guernsey | f 7 | 45 |
| Birmingham | s 8 | 46 | Inverness | f 9 | 48 |
| Blackpool | r 7 | 45 | Jersey | s 7 | 45 |
| Bristol | s 8 | 46 | London | s 7 | 45 |
| Cardiff | s 9 | 48 | Manchester | s 9 | 48 |
| Edinburgh | c 8 | 46 | Newcastle | s 7 | 45 |
| Glasgow | c 7 | 45 | Ronaldsway | – | – |

### London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1029.6 millibars yesterday, 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

### Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance C13 (55F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath C7 (45F); highest rainfall: Manston 0.08in; highest sunshine: Cardiff Douglas 10.1hr.

### Times world-wide

Noon in London is: 7 am in New York; 4 am in San Francisco; 9 pm in Tokyo; 11 pm in Canberra; 2 pm in Johannesburg; 4 pm in United Arab Emirates; 3 pm in Kenya; 1 pm in Nigeria; 3 pm in Moscow; 8 pm in Hong Kong.

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### Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will cover S Britain while a trough of low pressure moves E into NW districts.

6am to midnight

London, SE, Cen S, E, SW, Cen N England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Dry, sunny periods, wind variable light, max temp 10C (50F).

Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mainly dry, becoming rather cloudy, wind SW light or moderate, max temp 10C (50F).

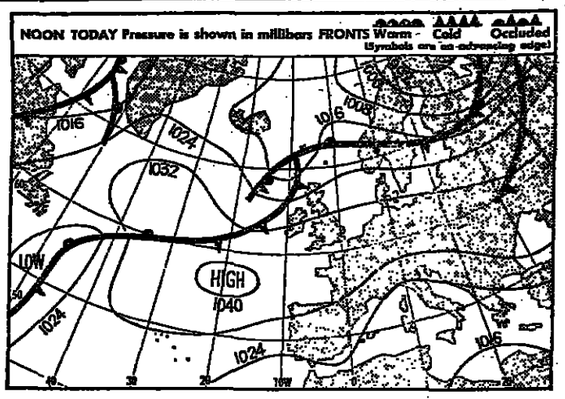
Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Sunny periods, becoming rather cloudy, rain in places late, wind SW moderate, max temp 11C (52F).

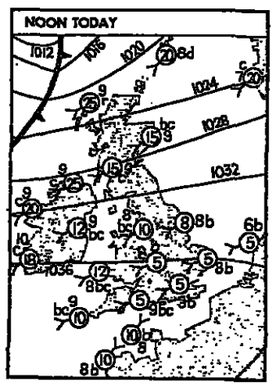
SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cen Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, becoming cloudy later with rain in places, wind SW moderate becoming fresh, max temp 10C (50F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney: Mostly cloudy, occasional rain later – perhaps heavy, max temp 10C (50F).

Shetland: Cloudy for tomorrow and Thursday: Rain over parts of Scotland and N Ireland spreading SE followed by brighter weather with showers, wintry in N, becoming rather cold.

SEA PASSAGES: North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE moderate becoming variable light, fair, visibility good, sea slight becoming smooth. St George's Channel: Wind variable becoming SW light, rain later, visibility good becoming moderate, sea smooth. Irish Sea: Wind SW light, later veering NW fresh, rain later, visibility good becoming moderate or poor sea smooth becoming moderate.




b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; l–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

Sun rises: 6.22 am Sun sets: 6.00 pm
Moon rises: 12.26 am Moon sets: 8.44 am
Last quarter: tomorrow.

### High tides

TODAY

| | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 5.15 | 7.1 | 5.47 | 6.7 |
| Aberdeen | 4.55 | 3.8 | 5.16 | 4.0 |
| Avonmouth | 10.43 | 12.6 | 11.12 | 11.8 |
| Belfast | 2.32 | 3.3 | 3.01 | 3.5 |
| Cardiff | 10.34 | 11.7 | 10.57 | 11.0 |
| Devonport | 9.26 | 5.2 | 9.43 | 5.0 |
| Dover | 2.25 | 6.5 | 2.49 | 6.1 |
| Falmouth | 8.56 | 5.0 | 9.13 | 4.8 |
| Glasgow | 4.32 | 4.8 | 4.46 | 5.1 |
| Harwich | 3.12 | 3.9 | 3.45 | 3.6 |
| Holyhead | 1.38 | 5.2 | 2.01 | 5.3 |
| Hull | 9.52 | 7.1 | 10.09 | 7.2 |
| Ilfracombe | 9.34 | 8.7 | 9.53 | 5.3 |
| Leith | 5.17 | 5.2 | 5.41 | 5.3 |
| Liverpool | 2.38 | 9.0 | 2.57 | 9.0 |
| Lowestoft | 12.49 | 2.6 | 1.24 | 2.1 |
| Margate | 3.17 | 4.8 | 3.55 | 4.4 |
| Milford Haven | 9.52 | 6.7 | 10.13 | 6.3 |
| Newquay | 6.47 | 6.7 | 9.09 | 9.3 |
| Oban | 9.04 | 3.6 | 9.28 | 3.4 |
| Penzance | 8.35 | 5.3 | 8.54 | 5.1 |
| Portland | 10.25 | 1.9 | 10.46 | 1.7 |
| Portsmouth | 2.57 | 4.7 | 3.20 | 4.4 |
| Shoreham | 2.32 | 6.2 | 2.56 | 5.8 |
| Southampton | 2.15 | 4.5 | 2.39 | 4.3 |
| Swansea | 9.53 | 9.0 | 10.14 | 8.6 |
| Tees | 7.20 | 4.9 | 7.41 | 5.1 |
| Watson-on-Naze | 3.00 | 4.2 | 3.32 | 3.8 |

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

### Around Britain

| | Sun hr | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EAST COAST | | | | | |
| Scarboro | 7.5 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Bridlington | 7.9 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Cromer | 5.5 | – | 7 | 45 | Bright |
| Lowestoft | 8.0 | .01 | 7 | 45 | Sunny |
| Clacton | 9.0 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Margate | * | .04 | 6 | 43 | Sunny |
| SOUTH COAST | | | | | |
| Folkestone | 8.7 | .05 | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Hastings | 9.9 | .01 | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Eastbourne | 9.7 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Brighton | * | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Worthing | 7.4 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Littlehmptn | * | – | – | – | – |
| Bognor R | 7.9 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Southsea | 9.2 | .02 | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Sandown | 9.3 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Shanklin | 9.3 | .02 | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Bournemth | 9.7 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Poole | 9.5 | .01 | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Swanage | 9.3 | .01 | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Weymouth | 8.1 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Exmouth | 9.7 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Teignmouth | 9.7 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Torquay | 10.0 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Falmouth | 9.3 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Penzance | 10.0 | – | 12 | 54 | Sunny |
| Jersey | 9.9 | .02 | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Guernsey | 9.6 | .01 | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| WEST COAST | | | | | |
| Scilly Isles | 8.6 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Newquay | 10.0 | – | 12 | 54 | Sunny |
| Ilfracombe | 9.8 | – | 8 | 46 | Sunny |
| Tenby | 9.6 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Colwyn Bay | 8.1 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Southport | 8.9 | .02 | 7 | 45 | Sunny |
| Morecambe | 8.5 | – | 8 | 46 | Sunny |
| Douglas | 10.1 | – | 8 | 46 | Sunny |
| ENGLAND AND WALES | | | | | |
| London (Ctrl) | 7.9 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| B'ham (Airpt) | 7.9 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Bristol (Ctrl) | 9.4 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Cardiff (Ctrl) | 10.1 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Anglesey | 8.7 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| B'pool (Airpt) | 8.4 | – | 8 | 46 | Sunny |
| Manchester | 8.4 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Nottingham | 8.3 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| N'cstle-on-Tyne | 9.4 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Carlisle | 9.9 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| SCOTLAND | | | | | |
| Eskdalemuir | 9.5 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Prestwick | 8.8 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Glasgow | 6.5 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Tiree | 3.3 | – | 10 | 50 | Bright |
| Stornoway | 2.7 | .02 | 11 | 52 | Showers pm |
| Lerwick | – | .04 | 8 | 46 | Gale pm |
| Wick | 1.6 | – | 10 | 50 | Bright |
| Kinloss | 2.9 | – | 11 | 52 | Bright |
| Aberdeen | 6.7 | – | 11 | 52 | Bright |
| St Andrews | 2.8 | – | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Edinburgh | 6.1 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| NORTHERN IRELAND | | | | | |
| Belfast | 9.7 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |

### Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

| | C | F | | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alaccio | f | 11 | 52 | Cologne | d | 4 | 39 | Majorca | c | 13 | 55 | Rome | c | 8 | 46 |
| Akrotiri | s | 18 | 64 | Copenhgn | c | 2 | 36 | Malaga | s | 17 | 63 | Salzburg | c | 2 | 36 |
| Alexandria | f | 18 | 64 | Corfu | c | 14 | 57 | Malta | c | 16 | 61 | Sao Paulo | | | |
| Algiers | c | 12 | 54 | Dublin | s | 9 | 48 | Melbourne | f | 33 | 91 | S Francisco | | | |
| Amsterdam | s | 8 | 46 | Dubrovnik | c | 10 | 50 | Mexico C | | | | Santiago | | | |
| Athens | c | 10 | 50 | Faro | s | 17 | 63 | Miami | | | | Seoul | s | 5 | 41 |
| Bahrain | s | 18 | 64 | Florence | s | 10 | 50 | Milan | f | 8 | 46 | Singapore | f | 31 | 88 |
| Barbados | | | | Frankfurt | d | 3 | 37 | Montreal | | | | Stockholm | s | 3 | 37 |
| Barcelona | f | 14 | 57 | Funchal | s | 17 | 63 | Moscow | s | –2 | 27 | Strasbourg | c | 5 | 41 |
| Beirut | s | 17 | 63 | Geneva | s | 6 | 43 | Munich | s | 1 | 34 | Sydney | f | 24 | 75 |
| Belgrade | s | 5 | 41 | Gibraltar | f | 16 | 61 | Nairobi | f | 26 | 79 | Tangier | s | 17 | 63 |
| Berlin | s | 4 | 39 | Helsinki | s | 3 | 37 | Naples | c | 11 | 52 | Tel Aviv | f | 18 | 64 |
| Bermuda | | | | Hong Kong | c | 15 | 59 | New Delhi | s | 29 | 84 | Tenerife | | | |
| Biarritz | c | 10 | 50 | Innsbruck | sn | 3 | 37 | New York | | | | Tokyo | r | 8 | 57 |
| Boulogne | c | 5 | 41 | Istanbul | c | 5 | 41 | Nice | f | 11 | 52 | Toronto | | | |
| Bordeaux | c | 8 | 46 | Jeddah | s | 33 | 91 | Oslo | s | 2 | 36 | Tunis | f | 15 | 59 |
| Brussels | s | 8 | 46 | Jo'burg | | | | Paris | c | 7 | 45 | Valencia | s | 17 | 63 |
| Budapest | c | 2 | 36 | Karachi | s | 28 | 82 | Peking | s | 9 | 48 | Vancouver | | | |
| Buen Aires | | | | Las Palmas | f | 19 | 66 | Perth | f | 26 | 79 | Venice | s | 7 | 46 |
| Cairo | s | 22 | 72 | Lisbon | s | 15 | 59 | Prague | f | 1 | 34 | Vienna | sn | 1 | 34 |
| Cape Tn | s | 24 | 75 | Locarno | f | 8 | 46 | Reykjavik | h | 3 | 37 | Warsaw | f | –1 | 30 |
| C'blanca | s | 17 | 63 | L Angeles | | | | Rhodes | f | 19 | 66 | Washington | | | |
| Chicago | | | | Luxembg | c | 4 | 39 | Rimini | p | 22 | 72 | Wellington | | | |
| Ch'church | | | | Madrid | s | 14 | 57 | Rio de Jan | c | 30 | 86 | Zurich | s | 9 | 48 |

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Sarah Hogg reveals the brains behind the Budget

**Stage struck**
One man's dream – an American national theatre

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**Rugby lesson**
RFU training chief Don Rutherford on the Australians

## Portfolio

**There were two winners in The Times Portfolio Competition yesterday. Mr John Anderson, of Sunderland, and Mrs Edith Pittwell, of Caversham, Berkshire, each received £2,000 – the total prize money was £4,000 because no-one won on Monday. Portfolio list, page 18; how to play, information service, back page.**
**On Saturday, £22,000 can be won; the weekly prize of £20,000 and the daily £2,000.**

## US vetoes resolution on Israel

Ignoring threats of Shia reprisals against its citizens in Lebanon, the US vetoed a resolution in the Security Council which would have condemned the Israeli crackdown in southern Lebanon. The voting was 11-1 and Britain was one of three members to abstain.

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## Crime increase

Recorded crimes rose by 8 per cent last year to 3,500,000 and the solving of offences fell to 35 per cent from 37 per cent, according to the Home Office.

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## Tehran bombed

Iraq stepped up its war with Iran, bombing six cities including Tehran, which was left in a state of shock.

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## Fighter delay

The introduction of the Tornado F2, Britain's new air defence fighter, is being slowed by delays in developing its advanced radar

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## Libyan jailed

A Libyan student who took part in a bombing campaign in London against fellow countrymen was jailed by the Central Criminal Court for 15 years

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## Sinclair plant

Sir Clive Sinclair is seeking £50 *million to finance a plant for* making a new type of microchip. Mr Robb Wilmot, chairman of ICL, will head the project

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## Olympic boost

East Germany do not intend to boycott the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, according to the vice-chairman of the country's National Sports Federation

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One reporter and one television cameraman last year brought the horrors of hungry Ethiopia to our sitting rooms. A three-page Special Report looks at the technology that made it all possible

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# West to talk with Gorbachov after Chernenko funeral

**From Richard Owen, Moscow**

World leaders, including Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Vice-President George Bush, arrived in Moscow last night for the funeral today of President Chernenko. President Mitterrand of France arrives this morning.

Western leaders will seize the chance to hold talks with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, aged 54, the new Soviet leader, who succeeded Mr Chernenko in a remarkably swift transition on Monday and is expected to give the Kremlin a new style and image. Mr Chernenko died on Sunday evening at the age of 73 after only 13 months in power.

There was disappointment in Moscow that President Reagan had not set the seal on renewed Soviet-American dialogue by attending. But diplomats expressed the hope that Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachov might hold an early summit, perhaps after the spring session of the Supreme Soviet, when Mr Gorbachov is expected to be elected president as well.

Vice-President Bush, who also attended the funerals of Brezhnev and Andropov, arrived with a message for Mr Gorbachov from Mr Reagan but did not divulge its contents. Accompanied by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, he paid his respects to Mr Chernenko at the lying-in-state at the Hall of Columns yesterday evening. Mrs Thatcher will do the same this morning.

Mr Chernenko will be buried with full state honours on Red Square at 13.40 Moscow time.

The change of guard in the Kremlin coincides with a new East-West dialogue and the opening of Soviet-American arms talks in Geneva after a hiatus of a year and a half.

Mr Gorbachov, passed over in previous succession crises because of his relative youth, is seen as a pragmatist at home and abroad. In his acceptance speech, which appeared in *Pravda* yesterday with a prominent front-page photograph of him, he spoke of economic reform in domestic affairs and detente and arms control with the West.

The world would "sigh with relief" if agreement were reached at the Geneva talks, which opened yesterday. Mr Bush came to Moscow Geneva yesterday.


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Mr Gorbachov is already known in the West as a relatively sophisticated and quick-witted politician because of his trip to Britain in December. Observers said they expected Mrs Thatcher to expand on this "special relationship" and to underline Mr Gorbachov's links with London.

The Prime Minister arrived at Sheremetyevo airport in an RAF VC10, accompanied by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, is in the delegation, with Mr David Owen of the SDP and Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader.

Few countries other than Britain send opposition leaders as well as heads of government unless they had ties with Russian leaders when in power. On previous occasions – the deaths of Andropov and Brezhnev – British opposition leaders have said the practice serves to demonstrate to the Russians that Britain is a democracy.

China is prepresented by Mr Li Peng, Deputy Prime Minister. On Monday Mr Gorbachov signalled Moscow's desire for improced relations with Peking as well as the West, but diplomats said the Sino-Coviet atmosphere remained cool.

As during the Brezhnev and Andropov funerals, today's ceremonies on Red Square will be followed by intense diplomatic contacts, both between foreign leaders and e Russians and between visiting heads of government.

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany is in Moscow, as is M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, who arrived on Sunday, the day of President Chernenko's death.

He held talks with Mr Gromyko on Monday, interpreted by dipomats as a sign that the Kremlin wanted to underline the swift succession by conduting "business as usual."

Last night Herr Kohl met Herr Erich Honecker of East Germany for talks, the first meeting between the East and West German leaders since Andropov's funeral.

Italy is represented both by President Pertinin and by the Prime Minister, Bettino Craxi.

Mr Chernenko lay in state at the ornate Hall of Columns near Red Square yesterday. Artillery salvoes will be fired today in Moscow and other Soviet cities, and factories across Russia will

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**Moscow-bound: Mrs Thatcher leaving for the funeral yesterday.**

# Queen to get new armoured train

**By Richard Evans**

**The Royal Train is to be replaced at a cost of more than £7.5 million because it is obsolete and would not provide adequate protection against terrorists.**

**Specially strengthened carriages capable of travelling at more than 100mph, instead of a maximum of 70mph, will be brought into service over the next four years.**

**Most existing vehicles, between 29 and 44 years old, do not meet current operational and security requirements, the Department of Transport says. Several contain asbestos.**

**Mr David Mitchell, a junior transport minister, told the Commons yesterday the new Royal Train fleet, with two carriages for security officials and police officers, would have a service life of at least 30 years.**

**Mr Peter Snape, a Labour transport spokesman, said: "There are many sections of BR that could do with £7.5 million worth of investment, such as replacing the clapped out trains on the West Midland line.**

**"The Government is always saying any new investment in the railways has to be cost-effective. I wonder how the cost-effectiveness of this investment has been worked out."**

**In 1976, £500,000 was spent on four of the existing 13 carriages, including the Queen's and Duke's saloons, in preparation for the Silver Jubilee tour of Britain. Those vehicles are to be improved, the rest scrapped.**

**Eight carriages will be converted from new or surplus rolling stock and two new vehicles will be built to complete the revamped fleet.**

**New security measures are expected to include bullet proof windows and carriages strengthened to withstand explosions.**

**The new fleet, will consist of the Queen's saloon and Duke's saloon, with sleeping accommodation, and two principal saloons for other members of the Royal Family or guests.**

**A dining saloon will be for the exclusive use of the Royal Family, while a dining car will provide food for 54 household staff. Two saloons and two sleeping cars will be reserved for household and BR staff.**

# MI5 to face Yard inquiry

**By Anthony Bevins**
**Political Correspondent**

Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecutions, has asked Scotland Yard to investigate claims that security service and Special Branch agents have committed criminal offences in pursuit of their surveillance activities.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday that the allegations had been made in the Channel 4 film, *MI5's Official Secrets*, and that it would be for the Director of Public Prosecutions to decide whether there were any grounds for prosecution.

The film claimed that the home of Mr Ken Gill, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' Technical, Administrative and Supervisory section, had been burgled and bugged; and that a Jewish infiltrator of the National Front had used violence in order to establish his credentials with the organization.

But Mr Brittan, moving the second reading of the Interception of Communications Bill, dismissed other allegations raised by the film: that interception had been improperly authorized; that there had been unauthorized interception; and that the security service had carried out improper surveillance work.

The Home Secretary also issued a strong rebuke to Mr Roy Jenkins, the former Labour Home Secretary and SDP MP for Galsgow, Hillhead, who said in a letter to *The Times* yesterday that last week's Bridge Report on authorized interception had made Lord Bridge, chairman of the Security Commission, "appear a poodle of the executive".

But two other former Home Secretaries, Mr James Callaghan and Mr Merlyn Rees, later joined forces with Sir Edward Gardner, Conservative chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs, to demand an independent but secure appeals procedure for security service officers who, like Miss Cathy Massiter in the Channel 4 film, felt concerned about the work they were doing.

When Miss Massiter persisted with her complaints, she was referred to a consultant psychiatrist.

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# Secret summit on miners' leadership

**By David Felton, Labour Correspondent**

Leaders of the Nottinghamshire area of the National Union of Mineworkers have called a "summit" meeting with union officials from other moderate Midlands coalfields to seek a coalition of dissident groupings against the union's national leadership.

The meeting, which will be attended by NUM leaders from south Derbyshire and Leicestershire, is to be held at a secret venue later this week, and was being arranged yesterday as the union leadership in south Wales won back control of area funds in a High Court hearing.

In a judgement which could influence the future control of national union's funds that are still sequestrated, Mr Justice Scott said he was not "over troubled" by the fact that the south Wales leaders had not given a formal apology to the court for their contempt by refusing to call off unlawful secondary picketing of a Forest of Dean haulage contractor.

National union leaders last week decided that they were not prepared to apologise to the court in order to recover the £8.5m funds which were sequestrated following failure to pay a £200,000 contempt fine.

Mr Justice Scott heard that of the £707,000 south Wales funds seized by the court about £550,000 would be returned after payment of the original £50,000 contempt fine and court and sequestration costs. "In my judgement the fines and the writs of sequestration have now imposed on the union adequate punishment for its breaches of injunctions," the judge said.

The meeting of the three Midlands area executives, which represent about 45,000 of the NUM's 186,000 membership, has been called to discuss "mutual interests" according to Mr Roy Lynk, acting general secretary of the Nottinghamshire area.

"We don't intend to sit back on our own and be knocked over one by one," said Mr Lynk.

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# New leader approved arms team tactics last week

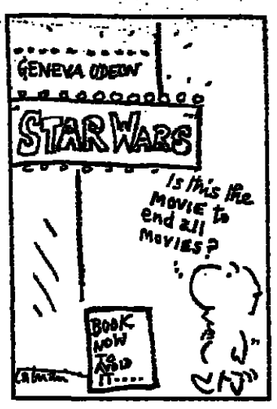
**From Nicholas Ashford, Geneva**

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the new Soviet leader, presided over a meeting of the Politburo last Thursday, four days before the death of President Chernenko, which approved the negotiating instructions for the Soviet delegation to the Geneva arms talks, Mr Viktor Karpov revealed yesterday.

The leader of the Soviet negotiators made his comment as the two teams embarked on what is expected to be a long and difficult search for ways of reducing and eventually eliminating nuclear weapons from the face of the earth.

The three American negotiators arrived at the Soviet mission on the dot of 11 o'clock for their first formal meeting with the head of the Soviet delegation.

After stopping to sign a book of condolence for the death of President Chernenko, they were ushered into the room where the SALT II agreement was negotiated six years ago. The 2¾ hour meeting was *significant* more for its symbolism than its substance, marking the start of a new round of arms talks after a gap of 15 months and heralding, it is hoped, a period of reduced tension between the Superpowers.




As Senator Edward Kennedy, who is in Geneva as part of a Senate observer team loftily remarked: "The talks offer an opportunity for a century of peace."

However, yesterday's meeting immediately highlighted one of the problems which is expected to dog the talks from the outset. Whereas Mr Max Kampelman, the chief US negotiator, was accompanied by his two colleagues, Mr Alekeei Karpov, was alone.

The difference in the way the two sides were represented underscored a basic disagreement over the relationship between the three sets of talks which will take place under the same negotiating "umbrella".

The talks, which are being officially referred to as the "nuclear and space talks" will deal with intermediate range, strategic and space weapons.

The Americans want to sign agreements in any of the three sets of talks as and when they are achieved. The Soviet Union wants to reach agreements in all three sets of talks before signing an overall arms pact.

Moscow has threatened to delay agreement on intermediate range or strategic weapons until it has got a deal on space weapons, generally considered the most difficult of the three groups of talks.

The Soviet and American negotiators *did immediately*, agree on one point, that their proceedings will be kept secret.

"We agreed on the principle

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# Francome's costly fall

A dramatic fall in the previous race deprived John Francome, the champion jockey, of the winning ride on See You Then in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham yesterday.

After The Reject had fallen in the Arkle Trophy, Francome was dragged along with his leg trapped in the stirrups. He was badly shaken and had to give up his remaining rides.

Steve Smith Eccles, replacing Francome, rode a copybook race on See You Then. The winner started at 16-1 with Robin Wonder (66-1) second and Stan's Pride (11-1) third.

Browne's Gazette, the odds-on favourite, forfeited his chance when he swerved violently at the start and almost ran out.

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# Rate-cap rebels call for talks

Labour councillors yesterday brushed aside threats of bankruptcy and voted to prolong their defiance of the Government, despite mounting setbacks, Hugh Clayton writes. Councils facing rate-capping and grant penalties decided at a meeting in London to demand bargaining with ministers who have refused it.

Their campaign was dented last week by the Greater London Council's acceptance of the spending limit imposed under the rate capping laws. Today Newcastle upon Tyne city council is to pass a rate rise of 23 per cent.

That goes against the policy of many Labour councils of resisting cuts in services and their labour forces while keeping rate rises down to the level of the rise in the cost of living. The policy committee of the Labour-led Leeds city council voted yesterday for a rate rise of more than 10 per cent that would allow spending within Government guidelines.

# More GPs opting for alternatives

A growing number of family doctors is turning to some of the treatments of "alternative" medicine, and many more would like to practice such therapies as acupuncture, hypotherapy and osteopathy, a survey published today, says.

The doctors are opting for the "alternative" because they find that conventional forms of treatment, drugs in particular, are not appropriate for the needs of their patients, or because their patients do not find them satisfactory.

The survey, commissioned by *The Times* and the Koestler Foundation, shows that a higher proportion of doctors actually practice one or more of the alternative, or "complementary" therapies.

Many refer patients to doctors who use them, and 26 per cent of the doctors in the survey had received "alternative" treatment of some kind themselves.

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# Setback for mortgage hopes

**By David Smith, Economics Correspondent**

The Chancellor's hopes of delivering a base rate cut with his Budget next Tuesday, and so head off a further mortgage rate rise, received a jolt yesterday.

Bank of England figures showed money supply grew faster last month than City economists had been expecting, while another bout of volatility in currency markets suggested caution on any cut in interest rates.

The money supply figures showed the sterling M3 measure rose by 0.5 per cent in the February banking month – 9.5 per cent more than 12 months earlier.

Financial markets, however, had expected no growth or a small fall in money supply, paving the way for an early base rate cut.

Even before the figures were published yesterday afternoon, movements on the foreign exchanges were causing concern. The pound rose to $1.11, but tumbled to $1.0770 as dealers decided the dollar's recent fall was overdone.

The pound eventually closed at $1.0912 in London, up a third of a cent on the day, and the sterling index gained 0.2 to 71.8. Later in New York, the pound was quoted at $1.0875.

Although the money figures were worse than the City had expected, the Treasury and Bank of England are not likely to regard them as any bar to lower interest rates.

The chances of lower base rates before Thursday of next week, when the building societies meet to discuss raising mortgage rates, depend crucially on the pound's performance.

The building society industry gave warning yesterday that a mortgage rate rise was virtually inevitable following figures showing a 50 per cent fall in deposit inflows last month. They fell from £823 million in January to £474 million

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# Harrods luxury in store for world's main cities

**By William Kay**
**City Editor**

**If the super-rich Egyptian Al-Fayed family have their way, every important city in the world will have its own branch of Harrods. And anyone who can afford it will be able to buy a range of luxury Harrods goods, from cigarettes and perfume to ice-cream, furniture and even holidays.**

**That is the main reason why the Al-Fayeds – three brothers and two sisters, led by 51-year-old Mohamed – made such a dramatic play this week to gain control of House of Fraser, the public company which owns Harrods. The group's other 101 stores round the country, including Kendal Milne, in Manchester, Arnotts in Scotland and Rackhams in Birmingham, will have to pay their own way.**

**Some of the other Fraser stores may be given a touch of the Harrods magic. That has happened with Dickins and Jones, in London's Regent Street, which is now described as "a Harrods store".**

**"But we must be very careful to preserve the value of the Harrods name," says Mahomed Al-Fayed. "If everyone could use it, the name would become devalued and ultimately worthless. We will not allow that to happen. We will defend it and indeed enhance it. Harrods is the best retailing name in the world, and it has for various reasons been underused."**

**That was why the family bought into House of Fraser last November. Lonrho, the international trading group run by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, wanted to sell its 29 per cent stake in Fraser. The Al-Fayeds were able to write a cheque for £138 million for those shares and two seats on the Fraser board.**



**Ali Al-Fayed: Tokyo would be the model**

**Their wealth started in the Egyptian cotton business, and their produce was from time to time sold by Harrods as "the finest Egyptian cotton sheets". They used that money to move into shipping, banking and property round the world.**

**For privacy and a lighter tax burden they moved their base to Switzerland, although they maintain a flat on the top floor of 60, Park Lane, near the Grosvenor House, overlooking Hyde Park.**

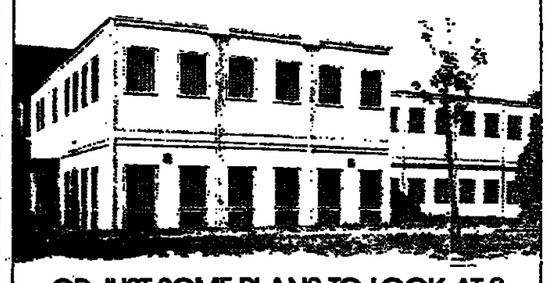
**Several years ago the Al-Fayeds lit on the idea of investing in the world's top brand names and most prestige-laden assets. Starting with Balnagown Castle in Scotland, they moved on to the Hotel Ritz in Paris and tried to buy the London Ritz.**

**There is a Harrods store-within-a-store in Tokyo, and the Al-Fayeds would like to use that as the model for expansion. "There is no reason why if it is properly handled it should not be like the Holiday Inn hotels chain," says Ali Al-Fayed. "We would lay down the rules for running a Harrods store anywhere in the world."**

**It is unlikely that this extraordinary family will rest content with Harrods. They are not the only ones to have latched on to the value of British brand names, but they are in a strong position to put together a stable of such names and market them as an international package.**

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# Recorded crime rises by 8% but miners' strike not to blame, report says

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Recorded crimes rose by 8 per cent last year, compared with a 1 per cent fall in 1983, according to the Home Office *Statistical Bulletin* published yesterday.

The number of offences connected with the miners' strike were described as very small compared with the national total of 3.5 million recorded offences. "Nor can any possible indirect effects on recorded offences, including any consequences of the redeployment of police be satisfactorily estimated."

The annual increase in recorded crime since 1977 has averaged 4 per cent, with rises of 10 per cent in 1981 and 1982.

Last year, the percentage of offences solved fell to 35 per cent from 37 per cent in 1983. It was 40 per cent in 1980.

The *Bulletin* says that the most recent increase in recorded crime appears to have started in the fourth quarter of 1983, before the miners' dispute began. But seasonally adjusted figures show a figure of 823,900, compared with 833,100 in the fourth quarter of 1982. By the fourth quarter of last year, the figure was 899,900.

Increases in recorded crime in some mining areas, but not all, are above average: South Yorkshire (15 per cent); Durham (13 per cent); Northumbria (13 per cent) and North Yorkshire (10 per cent).

But Dyfed-Powis recorded a 15 per cent increase and it has only two mines in the area. Nottinghamshire had a 4 per cent rise only.

In England and Wales, robbed offences numbered about 24,900 in 1984, 13 per cent higher than in 1983 and 9 per cent higher than in 1982.

Recorded burglaries were 10 per cent higher than in 1983.

The General Household survey and the British Crime Survey suggest that a higher percentage of burglaries in the 10 years to 1982 were reported to the police.

Thefts account for more than half of notifiable offences recorded. Recorded thefts and handling stolen goods rose by 6 per cent in 1984.

The Metropolitan Police recorded a 9 per cent increase in crime over 1983, with the overall clear-up rate staying at 17 per cent. However, there was a 5 per cent increase in arrests.

Robberies were up by 13 per cent, with street robbery of personal property "mugging", 11 per cent higher.

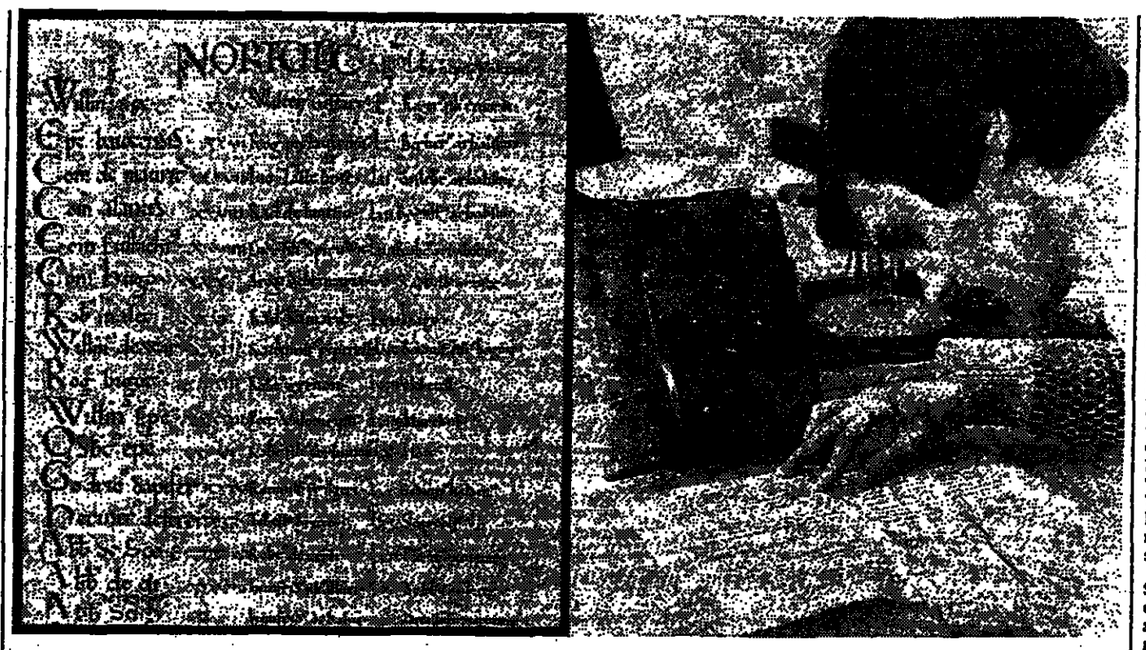
The Metropolitan Police say the effect of the miners' strike is unknown. But officers supplied to police picket reduced those on duty in London. "This may have contributed to the reduced number of arrests made by police during that period."

*Home Office Statistical Bulletin Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police in England and Wales 1984.* (£1.50p. Available from: Statistical Department, Home Office, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7DS.)

## Offences solved

| | % of offences recorded | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1980 | 1982 | 1984 |
| Violence against person | 77 | 76 | 74 |
| Sexual offences | 74 | 71 | 72 |
| Burglary | 31 | 29 | 28 |
| Robbery | 29 | 22 | 22 |
| Theft and handling stolen goods | 39 | 37 | 35 |
| Fraud and forgery | 75 | 69 | 69 |
| Criminal damage | 28 | 26 | 23 |
| Others* | 87 | 83 | 93 |
| Total | 40 | 37 | 35 |

*Includes drug trafficking from 1983.



The Public Record Office yesterday unveiled its plans for the Domesday Book's 900th birthday party next year. The 800 pages of sheepskin parchments, divided into two volumes, are being taken apart with a scalpel inside a top-security cage at the office's extension in Kew, south-west London. They are to be rebound in five new volumes to minimize damage to the manuscript caused by opening and displaying it, before going on show in London. "After the Bible and the *Diary of Adrian Mole*, Domesday is probably England's most famous book", Mrs Jane Cox, who is organizing next year's exhibition, said. Plans to mark its 900 years include a new facsimile edition to be presented to the Queen. A page of the Domesday Book is shown next to Mr John Abbott at work restoring the pages

(Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

# Jehovah's Witness in murder of widow

Christine Sawbridge, aged 16, a Jehovah's Witness, was sentenced yesterday to be "detained during Her Majesty's Pleasure" for the murder of a widow of 84 she met while delivering religious magazines.

Earlier yesterday her boyfriend, Trevor Campbell, aged 20, was jailed for life after being convicted of murdering the widow, Mrs Ethel Cawood. Mrs Cawood was hit with a milk bottle and stabbed 19 times in a "frenzied attack" at her home in White Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, Mr Desmond Perrett, QC, for the prosecution said.

Mr Perrett told the jury that Sawbridge came from a family of devout Jehovah's witnesses and delivered copies of the magazines *Watchtower* and *Awake* to Mrs Cawood. He said that Sawbridge and Campbell decided to rob Mrs Cawood, and took £100 from her house – but missed £500 she had hidden.

Campbell allegedly told police in a statement that during the attack Mrs Cawood called out: "Oh Christine, Oh Christine, please help me."

Sawbridge was said to have told police that she returned to the house to collect a bracelet she had forgotten while helping Mrs Cawood with her household chores. Campbell suddenly attcked Mrs Cawood, and she had wanted to stop him but "Just couldn't move," she told the jury. Both defendants had denied the charge.

## Pollution fine

The Coalite company was fined a total of £1,200 by Barnsley magistrates yesterday after admitting two offences of polluting the river Dearne, killing hundreds of fish, between Grimethorpe and Mexborough.

## Humber oil slick

Three hundred tons of crude oil which spilled from a Liberian tanker in the Humber estuary was being dispersed yesterday by spraying from aircraft and a Grimsby tug.

# Trade unionists 'misled' on levy

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Trade unionists are being misled by their leaders over contributions to the Labour Party as part of the "corrupt" method of financing party politics, the Social Democratic Party said yesterday.

Mr Bill Rodgers, its vice-president, said that the political levy was represented as a fund for securing a voice in Parliament, rather than a direct payment to the Labour Party.

As the SDP launched its campaign to persuade unionists to vote against the levy, the second biggest union started a drive for a "yes" vote yesterday.

SDP activists, were last night making much of the fact that a leaflet sent to the one million members of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, contained no reference to the Labour Party.

The circular said: "Your employer has his voice in Parliament. In 1982, 338 companies gave £2,704,000 to the Tory party. You must have your say – vote yes for the political fund."

Mr Rogers also criticized the largest union, the Transport and General, for holding its ballot under the 1984 Trade Union Act in August. Many members would be on holiday

The Act states that unions wishing to retain political funds should hold the ballots between April 1 and March 31, 1986.

● The AUEW has started a campaign against the reselection of Labour MPs to thwart the political ambitions of the Trotskyist Militant Tendency.

Mr Terry Duffy, union president, has sent a circular to members urging them not to oppose sitting MPs.

Mr Duffy hopes to enlist the backing of right-led unions to promote party "unity" before the next General Election.

● Mr Duffy said yesterday that his union would be prepared to concede "flexibiltiy, mobility and continuity of production" in return for a 35-hour week and harmonization with white-collar workers. The union is to open negotiations with the Engineering Employers' Federation today.

| Union | 1983 Political Fund Expenditure (£) | % paying political levy |
|---|---|---|
| ATWU | 16,693 | 94 |
| AUEW | | |
| Engineering | 781,524 | 65 |
| AUEW(TASS) | 205,326 | 58 |
| ASLEF | 61,383 | 93 |
| ACTT | 6,773 | 7 |
| APAC | 3,805 | 83 |
| APEX | 140,953 | 70 |
| ASTMS | 115,000 | 30 |
| BFAFU | 25,323 | 96 |
| CATU | 20,017 | 98 |
| COHSE | 274,038 | 92 |
| EETPU | 206,375 | 78 |
| FBU | 39,882 | 63 |
| FTAT | 21,506 | 61 |
| GMBATU | 1,436,176 | 82 |
| ISTC | 61,627 | 52 |
| MU | 5,147 | 62 |
| NACODS (National) | 14,486 | 97 |
| NGA | 74,260 | 42 |
| NSMM | 15,485 | 83 |
| NUB | 2,344 | 48 |
| NUM (National) | 477,465 | 60 |
| NUPE | 1,260,727 | 98 |
| NUR | 303,280 | 96 |
| NUS | 38,353 | 76 |
| NUTGW | 91,720 | 88 |
| NUTFLAT | 27,622 | 88 |
| POEU | 205,847 | 74 |
| SOGAT'82 | 183,332 | 44 |
| TWU | 18,985 | 56 |
| TGWU (National) | 1,354,478 | 98 |
| (Regional) | 241,824 | |
| TSSA | 86,740 | 83 |
| UCW | 251,136 | 94 |
| UCATT | 136,585 | 65 |
| USDAW | 442,909 | 92 |
| TOTAL | 8,639,336 | |

● 47 trade unions with a membership of 8 million have political funds.
● 81% of their members, or 6.5 million, pay the political levy.
● In 1983, the income from the political funds was £8,197,750. Six large unions accouted for nearly 70 per cent of this.
● 82½ per cent of the political fund is given to the Labour Party; 14 per cent is spent on administering the fund; 3½ per cent is spent on other items.
● 79 per cent of the Labour Party's national income comes from the unions; 16 per cent is given by constituency parties and 5 per cent from miscellaneous souces.

# Hurd says O Fiaich view 'old fashioned'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland was criticized yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, secretary of State for Northern Ireland, for having a "rather old-fashioned" view on partition and the inevitability of a united Ireland.

In the latest criticism of remarks by Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich, Mr Hurd said that in his six months in the province the argument had moved on to other areas and away from the question of partition. But he said he did not think the cardinal's comments, made in Boston, Massachusetts, had caused ireparable harm to the prospects of dialogue.

Since saying that partition was the "fundamental crux" and that British withdrawal was the only solution to the conflict in Northern Ireland, the cardinal has been fiercely criticized by Unionist politicians and a prominent government backbencher in the Republic of Ireland.

## Bail refused

Bail was refused in the High Court in Belfast yesterday to a Newry man, charged in connection with the mortar bomb attack on Newry police station in which nine RUC officers died.

Paul Maguire, aged 20, is accused of the murder of three of those killed and a Crown lawyer said further charges would be preferred.

# Union starts fight for lost pit jobs

By Staff Reporters

The campaign to win back the jobs of 205 Scottish miners dismissed during the coal strike began in earnest yesterday. Five men who had been dismissed, according to the National Union of Mineworkers, for trivial offences during the strike, were produced at a press conference in Edinburgh.

The union said their cases typified selective and insensitive treatment by the National Coal Board. The campaign began as 250 miners went back to work at Polmaise Colliery near Stirling, the last pit in Britain to return.

The delay marked the reluctance of men to go back without 12 of their workmates dismissed because of their activities during the strike.

A study by miners in Lothian claims to show that 70 per cent of the men sacked in the region were union branch officials, committee members or strike committee members, adding to their belief that the dismissals were selective.

Mr Jackie Aitchison, aged 38, a development worker and union official at Bilston Glen colliery, told the press conference he was arrested for breach of the peace, obstruction and resisting arrest, acquitted, and yet dismissed for gross industrial misconduct.

Mr John Glen, aged 49, a NUM branch secretary at Monktonhall colliery, was arrested for obstruction and for being part of a disorderly crowd. The court admonished him and six weeks later he was dismissed.

● The rebel Nottinghamshire area of the NUM will contest any legal action brought by its sacked general secretary, Mr Henry Richardson, to challenge the decision to remove him from office. Mr Roy Link, acting general secretary said yesterday.

# Policing of miners cost extra £225m

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The final cost of policing the miners' strike has increased by about £225 million, according to latest figures.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities has been told it faces further costs of £41 million for six police authorities. But of that £35 million is expected to be paid in grants from the Home Office.

Therefore the extra cost for the six councils will be £6 million.

According to the Association of County Councils, the additional cost for another 35 police authorities will be £180 million. Of that, £170 million is expected from Home Office police grants.

● The cost of the strike to the British Steel Corporation will be about £175 million in the present financial year, the chairman, said last night.

# Legal poser over dismissals

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Miners convicted of criminal offences who face dismissal by the National Coal Board cannot automatically be removed because oftheir criminal record, according to industrial tribunal case law.

Six hundred and seventy-seven miners have been dismissed but the board has emphasized at only those convicted of deliberate sabotage or violence against their fellow workers, the police or the public would not be reinstated.

A criminal conviction per se, however, is not sufficient reason for dismissal. The board would have to convince an industrial tribunal that it had acted reasonably in the circumstances in reaching its decision.

Under the code of practice on disciplinary procedures issued by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the main consideration is whether the offence is one which makes the individual employee "unsuitable for his or her type of work, or unacceptable to other employees".

Tribunals have held that a conviction not related directly to a place of work, but which would have a bearing on the employee's type of work, such as an accountant convicted of theft, would be a ground for dismissal.

In one such case reported in 1978 a teacher at a private children's home was convicted of homosexual acts elsewhere. His dismissal by Nottinghamshire County Council was upheld.

Where the conviction is for assault on a policeman, dismissals may be harder for the board to sustain before the courts. Assault on another miner, however, which the board could argue makes the employee "unacceptable to other employee," would probably be held as another ground for dismissal.

In a case in 1977, a technical manager brought a claim for unfair dismissal against his employers, Golden Wonder, after he was convicted of assault on a fellow worker at a company social function away from the workplace. Both the industrial tribunal and the Scottish Employment Appeal Tribunal upheld the dismissal.

Claims for unfair dissmissal where miners have been convicted of damage to board property are the least likely to succeed. Tribunals have even upheld dismissals where there have been no convictions, but the employer had good grounds for believing that the employee intended damage.

● A Labour MP has protested to the Lord Chancellor about the case of a woman sentenced to 56 days' imprisonment for a first offence, one of causing a breach of the peace on a miners' picket line, who was refused legal aid.

Ms Harriet Harman, Labour MP for Peckham, has said in a letter to Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone that the case of Jay Ginn, a single parent with two children, is of "very serious concern".

● Brian Martin, aged 45, a north-east Derbyshire district councillor, and Keith Millward, aged 39, began jail sentences for masterminding an ambush of eight working miners. Both were miners from Danesmoor near Chesterfield, and each got three months imprisonment for using threats and besetting miners who were on their way to work.

# MPs' group will fight racism

By Pat Healy
Race Relations Correspondent

Concern at worsening conditions for black Britons has led members of all the main political parties to form the first All-Party Parliamentary Group on Race Relations.

Ms Clare Short, Labour MP for Birmingham Ladywood, who chairs the new group, said at its launching in the House of Commons yesterday, that she had been forced to think deeply about becoming involved because she could not compromise her position on race issues.

But the situation for black Britons was as bad as ever, with "crude racism on the streets, racial harassment and clear evidence of race discrimination". If things were not to deteriorate further, the parties were right to link up to raise "the bottom line of what is acceptable in race relations".

Racial monitoring opposed, page 5

# NUT widens battle over pay docking

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

As teachers' strikes continue to disrupt children's education throughout the country, the National Union of Teachers decided yesterday to extend the legal battle against local authorities.

The biggest teachers' union announced it would be taking Solihull Council to court, in addition to Newcastle upon Tyne, if it did not withdraw a letter saying that teachers would have £2 deducted every time they refused to cover for an absent colleague.

Mr Nicholas Bardsley, deputy town clerk of Solihull, said the authority would not withdraw the letter and would defend any legal action. "Frankly, this is a move that the council was expecting and it does not come as a surprise," he told *The Times*.

The union decided to resort to the law because of legal advice it received from Mr Thomas Morrison, QC.

There is suspicion too that the union felt it could not allow increasing numbers of authorities to dock pay for refusal to carry out duties which it considered voluntary. Sixteen councils have decided to start docking pay for refusal to do those duties.

# Unity finds favour with Catholics

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Official Roman Catholic reaction worldwide to the results of Anglican-Catholic unity negotiations had been positive and hopeful, Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, head of the Vatican's unity secretariat, said in London yesterday.

His department is collecting comments from local conferences of bishops on the "final" report of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, published in 1982.

Since the report three years ago, the commission has begun again with a new agenda and new membership. The indications are that it will be able to produce an agreed report on the Theology of "salvation by faith alone", disagreements on which was one of the chief causes of the Reformation.

During his visit to Britain he has had discussions with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

# Test case on hunting nears end

From Tim Jones
Bristol

A test case which could affect hunts throughout the country is coming to an end in the High Court in Bristol. In the action, which began two weeks ago, the League Against Cruel Sports is seeking to have the members, supporters and hounds of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds banned from 2,000 acres of wildlife sanctuary on Exmoor.

The outcome of the case could be crucial to the way in which hunts are conducted, for it is thought it will decide whether hounds can be regarded in law as trespassers.

The league wants Mr Justice Park to grant a permanent injunction against the organization, which hunts red deer on the moor.

When he opened the case Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, for the league, said he believed after researching legal precedents, that it was the first time a landowner had brought an action in the High Court against the local hunt for trespassing.

The league is seeking to extend and make permanent a temporary injunction granted in March, 1983, and asks for damage for trespasses already committed.

In addition, the league wants a declaration that the hunt cannot enter or trespass on its land and an injunction restraining the defendants or their agents from entering or crossing their land.

Mr Justice Park has already told the three defendants, Mr Maurice Scott, of Brendon Hill Farm, Watchet, Mrs Norah Harding, of Timberscome, Minehead, and Mr Michael Robinson, of West Hacketty, Porlock, joint hunt masters, that the league has a right to expect that its sanctuaries should not be invaded by hounds.

The hunt, which claims more than 1,000 supporters on horseback, foot or in cars has said enormous efforts are made to stop hounds entering those areas but that "dogs don't know anything about boundaries".

# Boarding school roll falls

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

The Boarding Schools Association reported yesterday a fall in the number of pupils sent to independent schools with, as a result, some schools facing closure.

The number of boarders declined by 1,500 last year. Miss Joan Sadler, principal of Cheltenham Ladies College, and the association's chairman, told its annual conference.

One small independent boarding school, Luckton, in Leominster, closed down and nearly 15 per cent of state boarding places were under threat.

New figures, produced last month by the Department of Education and Science, also show that the number of independent schools fell by 11 in 1984. However, the drop in pupil numbers in the independent sector was proportionately smaller than for the state sector.

Miss Sadler emphasized that there were good signs for the state boarding sector: Wymondham College had survived, although with fewer boarding places, as well as Elmbridge School, in Essex. At the same time, a new comprehensive boarding school had opened at Dallam School, Milnthorpe.

She also reported that Lancing had doubled its number of girl boarders and Warwick School had reversed its decision to stop all boarding. But Luckton had to close because of financial difficulties.

Miss Sadler told the conference: "The school that is small is vulnerable. One may deplore the failure of any company that goes into liquidation, but surely we must not allow the failure of a few small boarding schools to be read as an indictment of the whole of the independent boarding sector."

The Times overseas selling prices

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Iqbal Singh succeeds King Henry VIII

# Lord of the Manor for £4,800

By Alan Hamilton

**Mr Iqbal Singh, lately of India but now of Wimbledon, is the new Lord of the Manor of Butley in Suffolk, succeeding to a 900-year line that includes a medieval Lord Chief Justice of England, King Henry VIII, and Thomas, Duke of Norfolk.**

**The lordship of the manor of Butley was one of 33 that changed hands at auction in London yesterday. For £4,800 Mr Singh acquired virtually nothing at all: no lands, no property, no income, nor ancient rights of lordship, only a set of documents, some dating from the thirteenth century, which he has been strongly advised to leave thoroughly alone in their present resting-place at the Suffolk country archives.**

**Mr Singh said as he signed his cheque that the lordship of Butley was a present for his wife, who would become Lady of the Manor. Mr Singh's wife, he disclosed, was Swiss. "We have been looking at property, and may move there", Mr Singh said, not wishing to be questioned further on his ownership of a colourful but useless fragment of English heritage.**

**Surviving manorial rights come a great deal more expensive, as Mr Nicholas Pellett, a London insurance broker, discovered when he**



**Iqbal Singh: Bought title for his Swiss wife.**

**paid £21,200, by far the highest price of the day, for the lordship of the manor of Codicote, near Stevenage, in Hertfordshire. That was sold with "the Royal franchise right to hold a fair in the manor on the vigil and feast of St James the Apostle and the two following days".**

**Mr Pellett, who lives within the manor of Codicote in a converted gamekeeper's cottage, decided to bid after reading in a newspaper that his manor was about to come on the market.**

**He said: "I may exercise the right to hold a fair. I am an active member of the Round Table, and may hold something for charity. I am relieved that an American did not get it." Unless he holds a fair in his own back garden, he will still have to seek the approval of local landowners before he can celebrate the Feast of St James the Apostle.**

**Lords of the manor once owned property, held courts, and levied rents, but their long-declining powers vanished completely under land ownership reform in 1922.**

**The lordships were collected by a commercial enterprise, Historical Records agency, which trawled the country for titles which had fallen into disuse or whose owners no longer wanted them. Most were sold for between £4,000 and £5,000; the sale totalled £156,800.**

**Some environmentalists are concerned at the public sale of lordships. Mr Duncan Mackay, of the Open Spaces Society, said yesterday that the sale of such title removed much of the legal protection for common land within a manor, making it easier to develop. He called for an amendment to the Commons Registration Act, 1965, which was intended to protect common land but contained serious loopholes.**

# Lloyd's underwriter made false insurance claims to pay yacht expenses

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Peter Coucher, a former Lloyd's underwriter, made a series of false insurance claims to cover the running expenses of his yacht, L'Obsession, according to the report of a Lloyd's disciplinary committee.

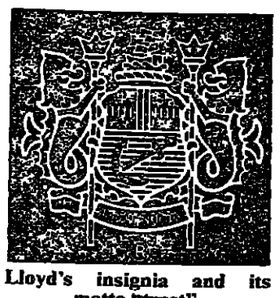
Yesterday Lloyd's ruling council announced a notice of censure against brokers Dashwood, Brewer and Phipps, who approved the claims. The report found that Mr Eric Phipps, managing director, authorized the processing of two claims knowing that they were invalid and falsely described. It said that Mr Phipps knew or ought to have known of the other invalid claims.

Mr Coucher, who resigned from Lloyd's in 1982 – thus avoiding disciplinary proceedings – made 28 claims, of which at least eight were invalid and 12 more were doubtful, according to the report. It says that many claims were falsely described: for example, the annual fees for berthing the yacht at Lymington in Hampshire were described as "machinery damage" and "vandal damage" in different claims.

The report also found that the brokers approved an invalid claim for Mr Coucher relating to a motor yacht, Lady Cleopatra. The total cost of the invalid claims came to £11,000 and the money has been refunded.

According to Mr Phipps, Mr Coucher said that L'Obsession was used for entertaining business contacts and the syndicate in which he worked at Lloyd's wished to deal with running expenses by treating them as insurance claims.

The Department of Public Prosecutions has the Lloyd's report and has been kept fully informed of the progress of the disciplininary matters. However, it is not known whether any prosecution will be brought.



Lloyd's insignia and its motto "trust".

The failure of the DDP to bring any prosecutions as yet against any of the main characters in the various Lloyd's scandals has brought protests from several parties. Conservative MPs Mr Ian Grist and Mr Jonathan Aitken as well as Labour spokesman on trade Mr Bryan Gould have all asked Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, why there have been no prosecutions of cases of alleged fraud.

Mr Ian Hay Davison, Lloyd's chief executive, also said in a recent speech that criminal prosecution "would have the advantage of confirming that the authorities are on the side of the (Lloyd's) council in introducing a new regime".

● In another disciplinary matter Lloyd's council fined Mr Frederick Bradfield, an underwriter, £1,000 and censured him for promoting the sale of a life protection plan through false or deceptive material. In July, 1983, Mr Bradfield was found guilty of the offence in a magistrates' court and fined £500.





Golden girl: Tessa Sanderson who won the gold medal for the women's javelin at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, went to Buckingham Palace yesterday to receive the insignia of the MBE from the Queen.

Afterwards Miss Sanderson said: "Receiving the MBE was the crowning glory of my wonderful last few months. Getting the gold was the great accolade and this just ties the knot".

# Down's baby father 'more worried at loss of car'

By Michael Horsnell

Paul Brown, the father of a Down's syndrome baby, appeared more concerned about the loss of his car than his daughter Louise, aged two weeks, when he reported both of them missing to the police, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Brown, aged 30, a roofer, is accuse of murdering the baby in May last year. He is alleged to have disposed of the body and reported to police that his car with the baby inside had been stolen.

Det Chief Inspector William Forman said he told Mr Brown: "If I had my baby daughter stolen that would be the first thing I would be shouting".

Mr Brown was said to have appeared nervous rather than distressed, as if he were afraid of what he was saying. He had shrugged his shoulder and replied: "You say that; it's all true."

Mr Forman said that on May 31, four days after the alleged murder, he was asked why he referred in a statement to the baby as "it".

Mr Brown allegedly replied: "I do not know. It looks bad doesn't it? We did not name it . . . there. I've said it again.

"We only called her Louise after she was taken because we were asked her name. We thought of Geraldine. We were going to call her that."

Mr Brown, his common law wife Susan, aged 30, who is Louise's mother, his brother Ian, aged 33, and his wife Brenda, aged 32, all from Streatham, south London, deny conspiring to pervert the course of justice by making false statements to police designed to conceal the baby's death. Ian Brown is also charged with assisting his brother by concealing the body, which has not been found. All charges are denied.

# Increase in abortions linked to cancer fear

Abortions in England and Wales have continued to rise as fears of a link between the long-term use of the contraceptive pill and cancer remain, according to the Family Planning Association last night.

Figures published by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys yesterday showed an increase in the number of abortions performed during the months of July August and September last year of 6.3 per cent over the same months the previous year

An even bigger increase was shown in the age groups in which the pill is most popular, with abortions in the 20 to 24 age group rising by 13.9 per cent to 12,363

The rise came after steady increases over the previous six months.

A spokesman for the Family Planning Association said that women were still giving up the pill almost a year after reports were published linking its use with breast and cervical cancer

"Despite assurances by the medical profession that later findings were unable to substantiate these reports, fears have remained in the minds of many women and they are unlikely to disappear overnight", Ms Zandria Pauncefort said.

# Tooth decay campaign for young

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

**A campaign to help young people in the "dangerous years" of tooth decay was launched yesterday with the message that regular visits to the dentist need be neither painful nor expensive.**

**The £90,000 campaign by the Health Education Council, is aimed at the 16 to 20 age group.**

**Research carried out during the planning of the campaign showed that young people are complacent about their teeth, some brushing only two or three times a week, and are hostile towards dentists.**

**"This is often because they feel uneasy and apprehensive, not only at the thought of dental treatment, but even of the trimmings and environment with which dental practices are associated", Mr Roger Bettles, the campaign director, said "A friendly approach by receptionists and a more imaginative choice of waiting room magazines with young people in mind would make a good start."**

**The campaign was launched a day after the Government announced that dental charges will rise by an average of about 25 per cent. Treatment of a tooth, including two X-rays, root canal work and a filling, will now cost the patient £24.64**

# Libyan is jailed for West End bombing

Salham Salem, a Libyan student who took part in a bombing campaign against exiled fellow countrymen, was jailed for 15 years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Salem, aged 28, of Penarth Road, Cardiff, was one of a group who planted six bombs in the centre of London. One exploded in the Blue Angel Club in Berkeley Square, Mayfair, injuring 27 people. The other damaged a bookshop in Queensway, Bayswater, the same night.

Mr Justice Farquharson said it was the "worst type of crime", involving "indiscriminate and evil acts causing risk to innocent people." He said that Salem had come to Britain for help, treatment and education yet he had pursued a "fanatical quarrel".

Salem was found guilty of conspiring with others to cause explosions.

Ali Musbah, aged 22, a student, of no fixed address, was acquitted on a similar charge. Both pleaded not guilty.

Another Libyan, Abdu Salam, a senior official with the Libyan Government, was deported after he claimed diplomatic immunity.

The six bombs were intended for Colonel Muammar Gadaffi's political opponents living in London, but only two exploded.

Mr David Jeffreys, QC, for the prosecution, said that by good fortune and the skill of anti-terrorist officers only two bombs caused damage and injury.

# Court change forced in 'cell rape' case

Angry supporters of a women accused of wasting police time by claiming she had been raped by two policemen forced a court to move venues yesterday because there were not enough seats for them

The first 10 days of the trial at Manchester Magistrates' Court had been held in number seven court, which can accommodate 60 in the gallery. Every seat has been taken by supporters of Jacqueline Berkeley, aged 21, of Haydn Avenue, Moss Side, Manchester.

When the trial resumed yesterday, the smaller court 10 had been allocated. It has 21 seats for the public.

Miss Berkeley's supporters thronged into the court during the luncheon adjournment and said they would not move until more seats were provided

Miss Berkeley had claimed she was raped by two policemen in a cell at Greenheys police station.

The hearing continues today.

# Fat content to be labelled

The Government undertook yesterday to introduce statutory requirements for the labelling of food to indicate its fat content, but gave no indiction of when the regulations would come into force.

It is also considering full nutrition labelling to include energy, protein and carbonydrate content. Mrs Peggy Fenner parliamentary secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, said she would consider including sugar, dietary fibre and salt. Alcoholic drinks may also have to be labelled with the percentage of alcohol by volume.

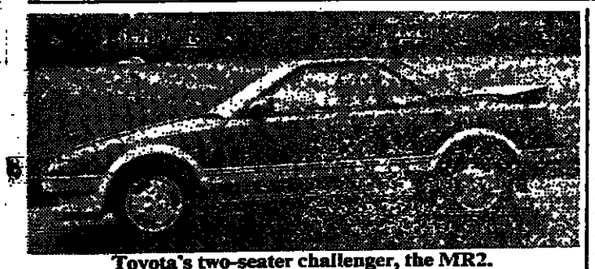
# Man cleared of stealing Elton John's watch

A gold dealer was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of stealing Elton John's £6,000 gold watch after claiming that the pop star had given it to Mr Tommy Williams, a mutual friend.

But moments after Mr Cornelius Culwick had thanked the jury for acquitting him of stealing or handling the watch, he was re-arrested over an unconnected matter.

Mr Culwick, aged 31, of Gloucester Road, Croydon, south London, had told the court he had no reason to doubt that the diamond-studded Cartier watch had been given to Mr Williams by Elton John.

He said that Mr Williams gave him the watch during a lunch date. Mr John had told the court he had not given the watch to anyone.



Toyota's two-seater challenger, the MR2.

# Toyota's sports car hope with the Lotus touch

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The Toyota MR2, a two-seater sports car, goes on sale in Britain today. It has already made a spectacular debut in Japan, where it is being hailed as the country's answer to Porsche.

Its aggressive appearance and mid-engined layout suggest that Toyota leaned heavily during the design stage, on its close involvement with Lotus. It is a shareholder in the British company and will supply engines and gearboxes for a forthcoming Lotus model. Toyota insists, however, that the MR2's engineering is entirely "in-house Toyota".

Powered by the much acclaimed 16-valve 1,587cc engine which dominates British Group A rallying in the Toyota Coupé GT, the MR2 tops 120 mph and accelerates to 60 mph in 8.1 seconds. The car costs £9,295.

Cockpit room is restricted, with driver and passenger separated by a high central tunnel and console. Luggage space under the bonnet is minimal with most of the room taken up by the spare wheel, jack, toolkit and washer bottle.

Initial driving impressions suggest that its handling is one of the best to come out of Japan that it is a strong challenge to well-established sports car manufacturers.

● Honda is recalling 10,000 Honda Accords sold between 1982 and 1983 to replace part of the battery charging circuit which can melt under repeated high electrical load. Honda UK said yesterday that no cases had been reported in this country but there had been a small number in Japan.

# Verdict on veal calves defended

A decision by magistrates that calves raised for veal at a farm run by a religious order in West Sussex had not been caused unnecessary suffering was defended in the High Court

Mr Richard Gibbs, QC, argued that Steyning magistrates had not erred in law and had been entitled to find that alternative systems of animal husbandry were not relevant

Mr Gibbs was representing Gerston Farm, which is run by the Premonstratensian Canons, of Storrington Priory, West Sussex, and their farm manager, Mr Luigi Ruiggiero, who was acquitted by the Steyning magistrates last March of causing unnecessary suffering.

The prosecution was bought by the pressure group Compassion In World Farming.

Lord Justice Brown said the court would give judgment at a later date.

# Mons Meg home

Mons Meg, the six-ton medieval canon, was returned to Edinburgh Castle yesterday after scientific examination at the military research base at Fort Halstead, Kent, and the Tower of London. The unique gun was founded in Belgium in 1449

# A beach too far to advertise as 'near'

By Tony Samstag

**A holiday development in Devon advertised timeshare homes in the national Press as set "in stunning scenery with secluded beaches near by" even though the nearest coastline was 17 miles away, according to one of the case histories published by the Advertising Standards Authority yesterday.**

**The development, owned by Manor Court (Moretonhampstead), of Newton Abbott, Devon, was primarily attractive to golfers, the author- ity concedes, and "follow-up literature did make clear the distance from the development to the coast".**

**But in upholding a complaint of misleading advertising, it rejected the arguments of Strathers Advertising and Marketing, of Glasgow, that "near by" was reasonable because the beaches were in the same holiday area. The advertisers have been asked to amend future advertisements.**

**The authority received 654 complaints during January, of which 135 were investigated. The case histories published describe investigations on complaints received before January but concluded that month. Sixty-nine were upheld.**

**Milton Keynes Development Corporation was the subject of a complaint against a poster proclaiming: "Britain's first Academy of Martial Arts opened in Milton Keynes this year" (1984). A man in Hampstead, north London, wrote that he had attended such an academy for three years.**

**The coporation gave an assurance that the poster would not be used again and was requested to ensure that future claims were verified.**

**Seven people complained that national Press advertisements for "Pan Am's new Clipper Class" promising three business cabins, more privacy, six-across instead of eight-across seating, new suitcase bins and "separate courses served on real china" were not borne out.**

**A newspaper advertisement for Cowan Brothers, of Ardrossan, Strathclyde, was found to be offensive because of its juxtaposition of a model in a bikini and the headline, "Hire A Stripper only £5 a day- . . . Choose from Jill, Ann or Ruby".**

*Case Report 119.* Advertising Standards Authority, Brook House, Tarrington Place, London WC1E 7HN. Free.


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# Home Secretary explains checks on bugging

## SECURITY

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, told the Commons he had concluded from his own examination of allegations that the security services operated improperly in looking at subversive activity that they carried out no operation, investigation, surveillance or action against any individual otherwise than for the purposes laid down in their directive and with the propriety successive governments had rightly demanded of them.

He was referring to allegations made in the Channel 4 television film *MI5 Official Secrets*, when he moved the second reading of the Interception of Communications Bill.

Mr Brittan said he had also inquired into allegations of unauthorized interception and he was satisfied that members of the security services did not carry out any interceptions without the authority of the Home Secretary.

The Director of Public Prosecutions had asked the Metropolitan Police to look into allegations made in the film suggesting that criminal offences may have been committed. When the police had completed their inquiries they would report to the DPP.

In an intervention, Sir Edward Gardner (Fylde, C) complained that in a letter in *The Times* today, Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hillhead, SDP) had made a most extraordinary and personal attack on Lord Bridge, who carried out an investigation into authorized telephone tapping. He asked the Home Secretary if he agreed that Lord Bridge had in fact acted with unimpeachable judicial propriety.

Mr Brittan said he did agree and described the attack made by Mr Jenkins on Lord Bridge as "wholly unwarranted". As judicial monitor, it was entirely natural and appropriate that he should be asked to conduct the inquiry. He regarded it as deplorable that someone with the experience of Mr Jenkins should make such a wholly unjustified attack on Lord Bridge.

Mr Brittan said the Government intended to introduce legislation based on the Law Commission proposal in its report on the law of breach of confidence in England and Wales for civil remedy against people who obtained information by improper means, including the use of surveillance devices.

These people would be subject to an obligation not to use or disclose that information and if they did so they would be civilly liable to an action for breach of confidence.

This approach had the considerable advantage of concentrating on the real mischief which was the use to which information obtained by surveillance was put and it provided the victim himself with direct means of redress.

This would offer people an important and wholly new safeguard in an area of legitimate concern. However, it was not part of this Bill.

For the first time, he said, the Government was providing a clear and comprehensive statutory framework for the interception of communications, creating a new criminal offence of unauthorized interception and providing an effective means of redress for those wishing to complain that interception had been improperly authorized.

The ability to communicate was essential to the criminal, the terrorist and the spy. The ability to intercept such communications was an essential tool in the hands of those whose job was to defend society and protect liberties. How else, for example, could the police or Customs and Excise piece together information on somebody operating a drug syndicate?

The issue was not whether the use of interception was necessary and legitimate but how it should be limited, regulated and controlled.

Lord Bridge had not been confined to establishing that the necessary formalities had been complied with in respect of any warrant issued. He also had to consider the merits of any application to satisfy himself that it could properly be regarded as coming within the established criteria for permitting interception.

If the basis of an application had been subversion, Lord Bridge's task included satisfying himself that interception could be justified on those grounds.

What I cannot, and will not, do (he said) is to comment on individual allegations. But let me reiterate: No member of CND, no members of a trade union – nor for that matter any individual – need fear that he is the object of surveillance by the security authorities unless his own actions and intentions bring him within the strict criteria set out in the definition of subversion.

Subversion is defined as "activities which threaten the safety or well-being of the state, and which are intended to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy by political, industrial or violent means".

Both elements of the definition must be satisfied before an activity can be recognized as subversive. It is not sufficient for the safety or well-being of the state to be threatened. In addition there must be an intention to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy. That definition governs the work of both the security service and the special branches in relation to subversion.

It is, therefore, crystal clear that peaceful political campaigning to change the mind of the Government or people generally about political issues cannot constitute subversion.

But that does not mean that the security authorities should be prevented from investigating someone whose activities do threaten the safety or well-being of the state and are intended to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy, just because that person happens to be a member of a trade union or of a particular pressure group.

It would be wrong to investigate legitimate organisations as such, but it would be absurd to regard membership of such bodies as providing immunity from investigation for those who would otherwise legitimately be subject to such inquiries.

We do not believe there are any grounds for changing the present system of accountability of the security service to ministers, which has been in existence while successive governments have been in power.

This Bill does not alter that general arrangement. What it does do is deal with the more limited but vitally important issue of authorised interception of communications in public systems.

MPs would like to go further. They wish to see general privacy legislation. The Younger Committee considered this possibility but rejected it. They pointed to the difficulty of formulating a sufficiently precise definition of the concept of privacy to form the basis of a legal remedy.

Successive governments have accepted their conclusion that the introduction of a general right of privacy would be likely to introduce uncertainties into the law which could have substantial adverse implications for the free circulation of information But that does not mean that we should not take firm and constructive action where that is possible. And it has been and is possible in a wide variety of areas.

It is quite proper for people to be concerned about the use of surveillance or bugging devices. We have responded to that concern. Last December, I published strengthened guidelines to the police on the use of such devices.

The new guidelines tighten up substantially the previous criteria for the use of listening devices and of certain cases of visual surveillance: they extend the range of cases in which the chief constable's personal authority is required for the use of a surveillance device; and they rule out any attempt to use a listening device as a means of circumventing the controls over authorised interception.

Advice would be issued to the police before legislation came into effect how they should proceed if people come forward with information suggesting that an offence may have been committed. Such advice was necessary because the provision was wholly new.

The significance of the offence would also be drawn to the attention of post office and telecommunication officers. There were exceptions to the offence in the case of a person's consent – for example in the case of obscene telephone calls – and where engineers or operators had to undertake what amounted to interception to establish whether a line was functioning.

Outlining the clauses of the Bill, Mr Brittan said the Home Secretary could not issue a warrant for interception unless he considered it was necessary in the interests of



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national security, for preventing or detecting serious crime, or for the purpose of safeguarding the economic well-being of the country.

In the last instance a warrant could be issued only in order to obtain information about the acts or intentions of people outside the British Islands.

The clause and schedule dealing with the tribunal was perhaps the most important of the Bill.

The clause broke new ground by providing an independent, powerful and effective means of redress if interception had been improperly authorized.

A tribunal would be established consisting of five senior lawyers. Anybody would be able to apply to the tribunal if he believed that his communications had been intercepted.

It would be the tribunal's first task to determine whether an authorized interception had been directed against the applicant or the place where he lived or worked. The tribunal would not be concerned with cases where there might have been interception without a warrant. Such interceptions would be a criminal offence to be investigated by the police and prosecuted if there was evidence.

If the tribunal found an interception had been authorized it would then proceed to determine whether the Home Secretary contravened the purpose of the Act. The tribunal would have access to the same information as was available to the Home Secretary.

If the tribunal concluded there had been a contravention the applicant would be informed. The tribunal could quash the warrant, order the destruction of the material intercepted or order the Home Secretary of State to pay whatever sum by way of compensation is thought fit.

The tribunal would carry out an impartial and independent review of ministerial decisions in some of the most sensitive areas imaginable in the way no tribunal or court of law had ever done before.

In every case of adverse conclusions the tribunal would have to make a full report to the Prime Minister and make a copy of that report available to the commissioner who would then be able to play a full part in ensuring adequate corrective action was taken.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, moved that the House decline to give a second reading to a Bill which gave statutory authority to interception of communications on criteria at once so vague and so sweeping as to permit interception on an unacceptably wide basis and which provided insufficient safeguards for those adversely affected by unlawful interception.

He said there was profound concern about allegations of breaches to civil liberties. This would be deepened by Mr Brittan's smug, complacent and insensitive speech. Fears had arisen that the security services might be taking their own independent actions which had the most alarming implications for civil liberties and the right to engage in free, non-violent, democratic dissent.

Since the controversy over the television programme there had been further allegations of unauthorized activities by MI5. The chief danger of a police state in a democracy was not what was authorized from above but what was generated from within.

He had no criticism to make of Lord Bridge of Harwich, as he only investigated what he was told to. Some said the Prime Minister only ordered the inquiry to prove she had a sense of humour.

What was needed was a full and independent inquiry because only that would look into the serious allegations raised.

The Bill was only a little better than no Bill at all. In some ways it made matters worse than current practice on warrants for tapping. It dealt only with telephone tapping and interception of letters in the post. It was interesting that today the Post Office had issued a new series of stamps, all showing pictures of bugs. (Laughter.)

Telephone tapping was technologically an almost primitive form of interception. He read an advertisement from *Exchange and Mart* for some devices which had appeared, disturbingly, under the heading "Leisure".

The Bill allowed warrants for addresses or whole organizations, so that the number of warrants issued need only a fraction of the number of people covered. In certain circumstances, tapping of communications into or out of the country would not be subject to safeguards.

The criteria for issuing warrants were so vague as to give the Home Secretary a free hand. In the Bill the Government had brushed aside its own white paper of 1980. The Opposition would move amendments to introduce Lord Whitelaw's principles from that white paper into the Bill which would otherwise be hailed as a tapper's charter.

The Bill allowed all warrants to be issued for six months and to be renewed for a similar period, compared with shorter periods at present in some cases, so how could the Home Secretary claim that it was neither the purpose nor scope of the Bill to widen current practice?

The tribunal could only operate if a warrant had been issued against the person complaining. It could not, therefore, investigate the possibility of unauthorized interception.

**Mr Brittan:** I made clear that it is to consider, among other things, whether or not the criteria set out in Clause 2 (defining the grounds for issue of warrants) have been met.

**Mr Kaufman:** I am glad for that clear and categorical assurance.

The drawback of the appointment of a commissioner was that he would be appointed by the Prime Minister and reporting to her.

The House must seize the opportunity to start the process of making the security services accountable to Parliament. The commissioner should be appointed by the House and report to a select committee of the House. He should be a servant of the house and not a functionary of government.

If MI5 wasted so much time spying on people like Joan Ruddock, no wonder it was unable to spot for so long a Bettaney in its own ranks. Enormous time and effort was being taken away from dealing with the country's real enemies.

# PM expects Star Wars talks while in Moscow

## DISARMAMENT

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, was accused in the Commons of toadying along behind the Americans and urged by Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, to be critical of the American Star Wars project when she went later today to attend the funeral in Moscow of President Chernenko.

The questions were opened by Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings and Rye, C) who asked the Prime Minister to convey to the Soviet people the strong feelings that in sadness at the death of their leader Britain also had high hopes that in Mr Gorbachov, the new Russian leader, there was a man who, on his visit to Britain, had opened the doors of peace and friendship through which it was hoped the British people would meet the hopes of the people of the world that they could live in peace together.

Mrs Thatcher said that would be the wish of everyone as she went to Moscow. And I hope (she continued) that we may take heart from the fact that the negotiations due to start in Geneva have begun. We all wish them to end in a successful agreement.

Mr Kinnock: I agree with every word of that. When she meets representatives of our western allies in Moscow will she take the opportunity to discuss the Star Wars initiative with them?

Mrs Thatcher: That would be expected.

Mr Kinnock: Will she be reflecting to them the view expressed today by her predecessor (Mr Edward Heath) that Star Wars would be decoupling, destabilizing and a diversion of resources? As that is so obviously true, why must she still trail along, toadying behind the Americans? Why does she not do what a real friend would do and tell them honestly they are wrong?

Mrs Thatcher: The United States is right to do research and it would be difficult to get an agreement on research only because there is no way of verifying what research is going on. But when it comes to deployment and testing, they are covered by the anti-ballistic missile agreement and that is why I expect it to be dealt with in that way.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: While she is in Moscow, will she make clear that she not only welcomes the restart of the Geneva talks but that she is willing to make a contribution by indicating in principle that Polaris will be counted in any East-West negotiations.

Mrs Thatcher: No. I do not believe that our independent deterrent or that of the French should be counted in. Ours amounts to 3 per cent of Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles. When that total is brought down substantially, the situation might be changed and we might then be prepared to consider a different course.

Mr Stefan Terlezki (Cardiff West, C): When she meets Mr Gorbachov will she ask him about his foreign policy as he may reign over the Soviet Union for 20 years, and remind him that withdrawing Soviet troops from Afghanistan, dismantling the SS20s and adhering to the Helsinki final act is the only way to ensure peace and prosperity for all mankind.

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Terlezki has encapsulated it. I could not improve on the excellence of his question.

## Commentary



### Geoffrey Smith

**Nobody remembers a Budget speech. The rhetorical quality of the Chancellor's remarks passes unnoticed. All we want to know is whether he is going to put our taxes up or down.**

**I have always believed until now that this is one of the laws of politics. But this time it will be different. When Mr Nigel Lawson gets to his feet next Tuesday afternoon his task will be as much political as economic.**

**A year ago he rose brilliantly to the challenge of his first Budget. His first few months as Chancellor had been stumbling and erratic. But he devised a surprisingly imaginative Budget, which he presented with lucidity and panache. Few people expected him to do so well then, or so badly since. In the intervening year he has failed time and again on critical occasions to give a convincing explanation of the Government's economic strategy.**

### Confidence must be restored

**That makes his second Budget more significant even than it would otherwise have been. He not only has to put forward a sensible collection of tax proposals, but also to use the occasion to restore confidence in the Government's economic management. He must sound like a Chancellor who offers hope as well as intellectual purity.**

**His first Budget would anyway be a difficult act to follow. But his task has been complicated further by two recent developments which have circumscribed his scope for manoeuvre.**

**How far the fall of the pound against the dollar has reduced the amount of money at the Chancellor's disposal is a matter for argument. One hears a strong preference expressed in the City for caution so as to put no further strain on the exchange rate. The political expectation is more optimistic. It is thought that he should be able to give away somewhere between £1.5 billion and £2 billion, but there are no longer the more extravagant hopes of a few months ago.**

### Student grants syndrome

**The other constraint is unequivocal. It is what might be termed the student grants syndrome. Just as Sir Keith Joseph found himself in political trouble when he threatened to raid middle-class pockets to pay for students in higher education, so Mr Lawson has been given a warning that his supporters will rise in their wrath if he interferes with the tax concessions of pension schemes or broadens the basis of value-added tax to cover certain sensitive areas.**

**The middle-class pressure groups have again been on the march, and once again they have demonstrated how formidable they can be. Conservative MPs have been receiving more letters than ever; they have been button-holed in their constituencies by their activists; and they have naturally transmitted their alarm to ministers.**

**One may feel some unease about all this. One may wonder if there may not be dangers for the Conservative Party in becoming too much the mouthpiece for the special interests of the middle classes. One may see a conflict between the rigour of Thatcherite economic doctrine and the compromises that are forced upon Mrs Thatcher's ministers. But there can be no doubt that opinion has been mobilized so effectively as to close certain doors to Mr Lawson.**

### Expectations of tax reforms reduced

**Yet this may not be such an immediate disadvantage. He will have to be doubly ingenious this time if he is to maintain the momentum of a radical, reforming Chancellor without sending his supporters up in smoke. But the expectations have been reduced.**

**There are now two political requirements that he will need to satisfy. One is to respond to the demand for a Budget for jobs. Most Conservative MPs are looking for selective changes in national insurance contributions and at the bottom of the tax scale to encourage employers to take on more young people and to make more jobs worth taking for the unemployed. But the details are less important than the general sense of purpose.**

**What matters above all is for Mr Lawson to present his decisions in the framework of a credible strategy. It is not enough for him to know what he is doing. He needs to justify, to explain and to interpret so that the rest of us understand as well. Unless he can do so, he will make it hard for the Government to stick to a coherent approach for very long.**

# Protest at remarks

Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, was called a clown by Mr Sydney Bidwell (Ealing, Southall, Lab) during Commons questions. He asked Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, if her attention had been drawn to protests in the House at "outrageous remarks" by Mr MacGregor.

Did she think he was really up to the job when he was capable of saying, according to *The Sunday Telegraph*: "They are encouraging the members in insubordination and insurrection and, boy, are we going to make it stick."

What kind of clown (Mr Bidwell asked) have we got in this job these days? Will the Prime Minister consider sacking him to help to promote peace in the coalfields?

Mrs Thatcher: I have every confidence in the chairman

# Cost to be revealed

## COAL DISPUTE

A complete update on the cost of the miners' strike is likely to be given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech, the Earl of Avon, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said during question time in the House of Lords.

Lord Stoddart of Swindon (Lab) opened the exchanges by asking what were the additional costs so far to the Central Electricity Generating Board of burning oil instead of coal during the strike and how the cost should be financed.

**The Earl of Avon:** Now that the strike is over the Government will be considering with the industry the costs they have incurred but it is too early to indicate what these are likely to amount to.

No decisions have yet been taken on how these additional costs will be financed.

**Lord Stoddart of Swindon:** Is it possible to confirm Press reports that up to January the total additional cost of oil burning was £1,800 million? Does he agree that the whole nation should bear cost of extra oil burn and not the industry and electricity consumers?

Can I have his assurance that any attempt by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to swing the burden on to the electricity consumers will be firmly resisted by himself and the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Peter Walker)?

**The Earl of Avon:** I cannot confirm the accuracy of any such figures, I suggest he waits until the CEGB annual accounts are published.

What matters to the Government is the total effect of the strike on public sector cash flow

# Museum to be established

## SCOTLAND

A new clause to the National Heritage (Scotland) Bill, allowing for the establishment of a Museum of Scotland, was accepted by the Government during the report stage of the Bill in the House of Lords.

**The Earl of Perth** (Ind) who moved the new clause, said it was an exciting moment for all who had supported the idea. By appearing in the Bill it would provide a signpost for the Board of Trustees and it was to be hoped the move in that direction would be made quickly.

The new clause would allow the Museum of Scotland to include any or all of the objects presently in the collections of the Royal Scottish Museum or the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland.

The idea, he said, would be along the lines of the Smithsonian Museum in America where individual museums functioned under their own names but came under the overall unbrella of the Smithsonian which gave guidance and help.

At the third reading stage the proposal could be examined in detail when the question of a building would need discussion.

**Lord Gray of Contin,** Minister of State, Scottish Office, said when the new Board of Trustees was set up as a result of the Bill they would have to decide how to organize the museums in their care.

They could decide that it would be appropriate to take aspects of the existing museums, or indeed all of them, and give them the title Museum of Scotland. The Bill provided the powers for the board to do that and there was no strict requirement for the new clause to achieve that effect.

# More doctors and dentists in NHS

The number of doctors in the National Health Service had increased by 9 per cent in the past five years and the number of dentists by 12 per cent, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during Commons questions.

In 1979 there were 61,600 doctors and 15,300 dentists; there were now 67,300 doctors and 17,200 dentists, he said.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C) said the figures provided further evidence of the improvement in the NHS since the Government came into office and made nonsense of the remarks by the Opposition about cuts in the service.

Mr Fowler replied: I entirely agree.

# Violence underlines need for Israeli withdrawal

## MIDDLE EAST

**Retaliation and counter-retaliation in the Lebanon would solve nothing, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions.**

**Mr Kenneth Weetch** (Ipswich, Lab) had asked whether Mrs Thatcher's attention had been drawn to a report on the front page of *The Times* that day about the killing of 34 Lebanese villagers in an Israeli attack.

There is a motion of censure at the United Nations Security Council at this moment (he said) on behalf of Lebanon, which the United States will veto. Could she say what her instructions are to the British representative? Are we this time going to exercise some political and moral independence of the United States? (Labour cheers).

**Mrs Thatcher:** We deplore the appalling violence in south Lebanon and Beirut. That underlines the need for a complete and early Israeli withdrawal, coordinated as far as possible with the Lebanese authorities. Retaliation and counter-retaliation will solve nothing. It will only add to the suffering.

We do not indicate how we are going to vote while a motion is still being considered and the debate continues.

### Correction

During the exchanges yesterday on the coal dispute, the question reported as being asked by Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) was asked by Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C).

# Chair rules on report in The Times

## PRIVILEGE

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) ruled in the Commons that if a motion was tabled on a Report in *The Times Diary* about a draft select committee report on Special Branch, it would stand as first business in the House tomorrow (Wednesday).

**The Speaker said:** I have received a complaint from Sir Edward Gardner (Fylde, C), chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee, about a report in *The Times* on March 6 which purports to give an account of a draft report which has been circulated to members and staff of that committee and was strictly limited to them.

# Fowler door open for BMA approach

## DRUGS LIST

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, said he regretted the British Medical Association's refusal to talk about the revised limited list of medicines and hoped they would come and see him as quickly as possible after Monday's Commons debate.

He would be prepared, he stated, to discuss with the profession any proposals they might have for an appeals mechanism.

He said the Government had received 123 letters commenting on the selected list which was announced on February 21: 95 of them from doctors or patients and 11 about a mechanism which would enable drugs not available at NHS expense to be prescribed in particular circumstances.

**Mr Alan Beith** (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Now that the minister has conceded his first attempt at a limited list was unsatisfactory, why is he so self-confident to believe his second attempt is perfect and foresees every possible clinical need?

**Mr Fowler:** It was the unanimous view of the expert committee that the selected list would meet all clinical requirements. The vast majority of concern has now been met. Nevertheless, if the profession was to propose some appeal mechanism, I am ready to discuss that with them.

**Mr Andrew MacKay** (East Berkshire, C): Many of us on this side strongly support his proposals but believe it would be in the interests of the patients if there was an appeals procedure whereby drugs which are later proven not be on the list but are essential are made available.

Has he any indication at all from the BMA, whose members in a minority of cases have behaved so callously to elderly and sick patients, that it is prepared to assist in an appeals procedure?

**Mr Fowler:** We have had advice independently from something like 2,000 GPs, but regrettably the BMA has taken the view that until after Monday's debate they are not taking part in any talks. I regret that, but I hope after Monday's debate they will come to see me as quickly as possible.

**Mr Michael Latham** (Rutland and Melton, C): While welcoming the tone of his answers and in particular the feeler he has put out to the medical profession, if he were to meet the concern of the doctors on matters of appeal where a doctor genuinely believes that a particular drug should go to a particular patient, he would do a great deal to defuse opposition.

**Mr Fowler:** That is why I have said that my door is open to listen to representations on this. I am sympathetic. If the BMA want to have talks they have to come and discuss it with me.

**Mr Roger Sims** (Chislehurst, C): What representations has he made to the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry? Their newspaper campaign has been not only misleading but has caused unnecessary concern.

**Mr Fowler:** The ABPI campaign at times has been disgraceful and hypocritical. Their latest proposal, in which they use the suggestion that old people are going to be affected, goes ill with their suggestion that exemptions should be removed as one of the ways of making money.

He added later: The money which is saved, the proceeds, will go to health care.


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# Procurators fiscal under pressure

**In her final article on the Scottish prosecution system, FRANCES GIBB, Legal Affairs Correspondent, looks at the advantages and defects of the procurator fiscal service.**

For all its merits, the Scottish prosecution system is not without critics. Defence lawyers and police complain that case preparation suffers because of the workload of some fiscal offices.

At Glasgow, a member of the fiscal staff conducting prosecutions may be faced with a set of papers for eight trials, the total allocated to one particular court; and then, perhaps because of changed pleas by defendants, cases may be adjourned or processed quickly and he will have to take on cases from another court, shortly before proceedings start. But with experience the advocates should be able to master the papers quickly, one said.

The Scottish system also suffered in public esteem recently when, in a Glasgow rape case, the crown counsel decided not to prosecute as it was thought the woman would be too ill and distressed to give evidence. It was then left to her to bring a private prosecution. Changes have been made, requiring all decisions by crown counsel not only on murder but also on rape to be referred to the Lord Advocate.

As a result of the Glasgow case, according to one leading defence solicitor in the city, "a lot of fiscals are running scared. In a number of cases where they used to say 'no proceedings', they will now almost certainly prosecute to be on the safe side."

The problem is worse, he says, because salaries for the fiscal service are not as competitive as they were. "This can lead to a lower calibre of entrant, so you get young inexperienced fiscals who are not sufficiently independent-minded."

As a result, he says, the prosecuting staff expose themselves to influence from more experienced police officers. "Before, the fiscal staff would accept a plea without going to the police to see if it was likely to be acceptable."

Another complaint is that the prosecutors tend to "up" the charge, from, say, culpable homicide to murder, to give room for negotiations. But as a result, defence lawyers say, "they tend to spread their net so wide that you may not get a conviction at all."

The police also dislike what they see as "deals" with the accused: guilty pleas in return for the dropping of some of the charges. But unlike in England and Wales, any "plea bargaining" is not done in the presence of the judge.

Generally, however, all involved believed the system works well. Mr Ian Dean, who as Crown Agent heads the fiscal service, says: "The advantage is that you have a legally-qualified person who is looking in the first instance at all reports coming in from the police or other government agencies we prosecute for, such as the health and safety commission or Office of Fair Trading. The fiscal keeps a large number of people out of court who might other- wise be there".

The system's advocates include the police, whose relationship with the new crown prosecutors in England and Wales will be central to the good working of the service there. Scottish police say that their English counterparts have nothing to lose and everything to gain from the separation of the investigative and prosecution processes.

But any attempt by the Government to import wholesale the Scottish system where police do not even initiate proceedings, nor have ultimate responsibility for investigations, would have been forcefully resisted by the English police.

The relationship in England and Wales between a chief constable and prosecuting solicitor has been one of client and solicitor; the lawyer acting on police instructions and perhaps giving advice, but with the police not bound by that advice.

Now prosecuting solicitors in England are fearful that unless their powers are clearly defined there is a risk that police may go over their heads to deal direct with the Director of Public Prosecutions.

There would always be some friction: in Scotland, police grumble that "from time to time it is felt that a case could have been pursued with more rigour." But they insist that the relationship is not "cosy"; not a question of "the police being in the fiscal's pocket or the other way round."

There is also the advantage that complaints by defendants of being "fitted up" by police are less likely where there is the independent element provided between investigation and prosecution.

**Concluded.**

# Opposition to racial monitoring

**By Anthony Bevins**

A formal policy has been commended by Lord Scarman in his report, *The Brixton Disorders*, by a Commons select committee, and by the Commission for Racial Equality as a means of combating racial disadvantage. The Government announced a full-scale programme of ethnic monitoring for the Civil Service in January.

But members of Labour's organization committee raised objections when Ms Jo Richardson, MP for Barking, brought up the issue in a report from a positive discrimination working party at a private Commons meeting on Monday night.

The report said the party needed to know the level of black and Asian membership in constituencies to judge representation on executives, councils and other bodies.

The committee was also asked by Mr David Hughes, the party's national agent, for a ruling against the creation of black sections, a device for increasing black and Asian representation in the party. The organization committee agreed to recommend that a hard line should be taken by this month's executive against constituency parties who have defied last year's party conference rejection of the creation of ethnic sections.

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# Hitch on £500m radar delays build-up of air defence

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The build-up of Britain's latest air defence fighter is going to be slowed because of delays in the development of its radar, one of the most advanced in the world.

The Tornado F2 will be the backbone of Britain's air defences well into the next century. One of its key features is its radar, which will be able to pick up and track targets at a distance of more than 100 miles without the enemy being aware that it has been located.

Development of the radar, by GEC Avionics, began in 1976 and on the original timetable should have been completed by 1981. But that proved over-optimistic and the development phase is only now being completed. Development costs are understood to have been about 50 per cent higher than expected.

The total cost of the development and production of the 200 radars on order is put at more than £500 million.

Because the development and manufacture of the radars has been running behind the production of the aircraft in which it is to be housed, the build-up of the full force of 162 F2 Tornadoes has had to be rephased.

The F2 is still expected to enter service on schedule towards the end of next year, but the radar on the early aircraft will subsequently have to be modified, and the introduction of later squadrons will be slowed down to allow time for modifications in the radar to be incorporated.

The F2 is the second current RAF aircraft project which has been delayed by difficulties in the development of radar and associated systems by GEC Avionics. The other one is the Nimrod Airborne Early Warning aircraft which is running about three years behind schedule.

The hitches on the F2's Foxhunter radar are relatively marginal, and solutions have been found, whereas the RAF is still far from happy with the systems on the Nimrod.

The Tornado's radar is said already to be seven or eight times more reliable than that in the Phantom fighter which it will largely supersede, and the defects in the initial production batch involve "minor operator inconvenience" rather than shortcomings in the basic capability of the system.

Last month an F2, which is capable of twice the speed of sound, is reported to have had a complete success with its first firings of the Sky Flash missile, which can destroy a target at a distance of more than 25 miles.

The big difference between the Tornado's Foxhunter radar and that installed in most other air defence aircraft is that it can simultaneously locate and track multiple targets.

The Tornado F2 has exceptionally long range for an air defence aircraft and will be able to patrol for about two hours far more than 350 miles from its base. That means that with the 100-mile range of the radar, it will be able to pick up targets at 450 miles or more from its base.

Boom years take their political and social toll

# Growing pains of an economic giant

*Twenty-one years of military rule in South America's largest country come to an end on Friday, when Senhor Tancredo Neves takes over as President from General Joã Figueiredo. In the first of two articles, Patrick Knight in São Paulo describes the frenetic pace of economic change during the past two decades.*

The Brazilian military, have been in power longer than almost any in Latin America. But although there was a phase of violent repression – involving the deaths of at least 100 political militants, the torture,




imprisonment and exile of thousands more, censorship and interference with the arts and sciences – the period has not been as traumatic an interlude as in Argentina or Chile.

Senhor Neves inherits a totally different country from the one the military took over in 1964, although, ironically, many of the factors that *provoked the military intervention* – soaring inflation and corruption – are back with even greater intensity than 21 years ago.

The military were encouraged to take over in 1964 by conservative forces which feared that President João Goulart was about to go communist.

The continent, as well as the United States, was terrified of a repeat of the Cuban affair. But Senhor Goulart was basically trying to incorporate new forces, amongst them organized labour, into the very narrow Brazilian political system.

Although the military were called in to prevent radical change, the past 21 years have seen Brazil change from being an overwhelmingly rural to a predominantly urban country, with industry now far more important than farming.

In the past two decades, Brazil has been transformed from a reliance on exporting coffee, cocoa and sugar, to becoming the world's eighth largest economy, able to make all but the most sophisticated industrial goods. It now earns more from the export of manufactured goods, including cars, arms and consumer durables, than from its growing range of commodities and processed foods.

To effect the change, the alliance of soldiers and technocrats decided that a strong internal market must be created, involving deliberate concentration of wealth. The policy of holding down workers' wages, while rewarding a fast growing middle class with salaries the envy of its equivalent anywhere in the world, produced strong demand for the new industries. But it involved widening the gap between rich and poor.

The first 15 years of military rule did not, as is often claimed, involve a reduction in anybody's income. Such was the rate of growth that everbody benefitted. Because of this, the Brazil of the early 1970s was a self-confident place, with new frontiers being opened up all over.

The pace was frenetic, and virtually all Brazilians, rich and poor alike, had great faith in the future of their country. The warnings of critics could be laughed off as scare-mongering, or labelled as communist subversion, and stamped on. However, the 1973 oil crisis was to reveal an Achilles heel in the Brazilian model of development.

Brazil was able to pay for its boom by massive foreign borrowing. But the alarming rise in the cost of fuel revealed the country's fundamental weakness as an energy importer.

The governments of the time, carried away by the prospect of making Brazil a world power commensurate with its size by the end of the century, rushed to start a series of massive heavy industrial projects.

This increased Brazil's need for loans far faster than its export earnings grew. While the first oil shock was weathered safely, the second demonstrated that the faster Brazil grew, the greater the need for imported energy. Bankers started to worry, and the flow of capital slowed.

It was at this point that the military suddenly realized how fragile their political support was. They had depended for their legitimacy not on ideology, but on the ability to deliver economic prosperity. Once that ended, there was little left, and *pressures began to build.*

Tomorrow: The inheritance



Big three: Neves (top), Goulart (left) and Figueiredo.

# Portuguese employers appeal to Strasbourg

From Richard Wigg
Lisbon

Portugal's Confederation of Industry is to challenge the Portuguese State before the European Human Rights Commission in Strasbourg over the continued non-payment of compensation for the wave of nationalization by the left-wing Government after the 1974 revolution.

Senhor Pedro Ferraz da Costa, president of CIP, claimed here on Monday that some half a million Portuguese who formerly owned, or had shares in nationalized business had been denied their rights and equal treatment under the Council of Europe's Human Rights convention, which Portugal signed.

This was because they had either not received any compensation or had been discriminated against in the payments received.

The CIP has decided to mark the tenth anniversary of the nationalization by taking up what has become something of a lost cause for Portuguese governments burdened by more acute demands on budgets often in deficit.

The employers' president said the revolutionary government in 1975, when it put through nationalization affecting banks, insurance companies, manufacturing industry and transport, promised to *establish fair compensation* within 90 days.

# Mentally ill spared from cuts

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

**At least 1,500 hospital beds and almost 5,000 health service jobs are to be cut in the North-West Thames health authority during the next decade as services are switched from acute care to improving services for the mentally ill, handicapped and elderly, and to meet a £29 million reduction in the region's budget by 1994.**

**That will result in the closure or change of use of a number of smaller hospitals and two or three large ones in an attempt to provid services more cost effective.**

**In all, some £74million is to be saved from existing services to the 3.5 million people living in north-west London, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.**

**About £24 million will come from a 7 per cent cut in cases treated as the population falls. Fewer patients will be treated by hospital admission but day cases will rise by more than a third.**

**Another £25million will be saved by reducing the cost of treating each patient which at present is 17 per cent above the national average. A further £22 million in savings will come from closures and reductions in the region's psychiatric hospitals.**

**That money will be transferred to provide community care for the mentally ill with extra jobs being created in the community services. Spending on priority groups as a whole, the mentally ill, handicapped and elderly, will rise by £18 million during the period.**

**The region claims acute services will improve rather than suffer by concentrating on fewer hospitals and investing in improved hospital services in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.**

**Health service unions in the region said they feared the spending cuts can only mean a deterioration in the services to patients.**

## Nurses say NHS food inadequate

**A survey by *Nursing Times* has found that 89 per cent of nurses felt that National Health Service food was either bad or only adequate, while 47 per cent said that a lot of food was wasted on hospital wards (Nicholas Rothwell writes).**

**A report on the survey said that a large majority of nurses doubt hospital food reflects established nutrition standards.**

**The magazine has launched a "Care about Food" campaign. Its patron, Baroness Cox, said its aim is to provide nutritional information for nurses, who have an important role as health educators**

# Solicitor in jail agrees to interview

A solicitor serving a jail sentence of three years for "looting" his firm's client account of nearly £250,000 has agreed to be interviewed in prison, the High Court was told in London yesterday.

Lipkin Gorman, the Mayfair solicitors, want Norman Barry Cass, aged 36, of Hendon, North London, formerly a junior partner in the firm, to tell them where the money is. Mr Thomas Putnam, for Lipkin Gorman, told Mr Justice Nicholls yesterday that Mr Cass had failed to comply with a High Court order two weeks ago requiring him to give information about the funds, but was now prepared to be interviewed

*The judge continued an* injunction restraining Mr Cass from drawing money from any of his accounts and directed that his passport, which was seized by the Sheriff of Suffolk should be handed over to the custody of the High Court.

Mr Putnam said Mr Cass was expected to be paroled in June.

## Bankrupt writer given discharge

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's former speech writer, the political author Patrick Cosgrave, aged 43, was given a discharge from his £18,700 bankruptcy yesterday. Mr Cosgrave's assets realised £1,450.

Mr Registrar Scott granted the discharge subject to a payment of £3,500 over the next three years. He noted that Mr Cosgrave, of Fulham, London, had already paid £13,050 since the bankruptcy.

## GP suspended for indecency

Dr Wladyslaw Mozdzierz, aged 74, was suspended for six months yesterday by a General Medical Council disciplinary committee for indecently examining a patient aged 18 who was having menstrual difficulties.

Dr Mozdzierz, from Bessacarr, Doncaster, who received a Polish decoration for bravery in the Second World War, denied the allegations.

## Ex-Welsh cap and wife dead

Mr Walter Williams who played rugby for Wales twice in 1974, was found dead with shotgun wounds and his wife stabbed to death at their farm house at Clyne Farm, near Neath, West Glamorgan. Murder squad detectives said yesterday although they were treating the death of Mrs Williams as murder they were not looking for anyone else.

# Money bureau complaint

An article describing what American tourists would get for dollars in London banks and bureaux de change was weighted against one bureau, the Press Council said in an adjudication published yesterday. The council upheld a complaint by Chequepoint against *The Standard*, the London evening newspaper.

A reporter changed 20 dollars at a bank and four bureaux and compared the results. He said commission charges were visible only as small typed notices on the windows of three bureaux. Chequepoint was listed fourth of five in value for money terms.

In its adjudication the council said:

References in the plural to "bureaux de short change" and "rip-offs abound" implied that more than one of the bureaux were guilty of sharp practice. Readers were likely to think the criticisms applied to the complainants.

*The Standard* could have published a shortened version of the complainants letter, which was too long for publication in full, or could have returned to the subject and redressed the balance on a subsequent article. It did neither.


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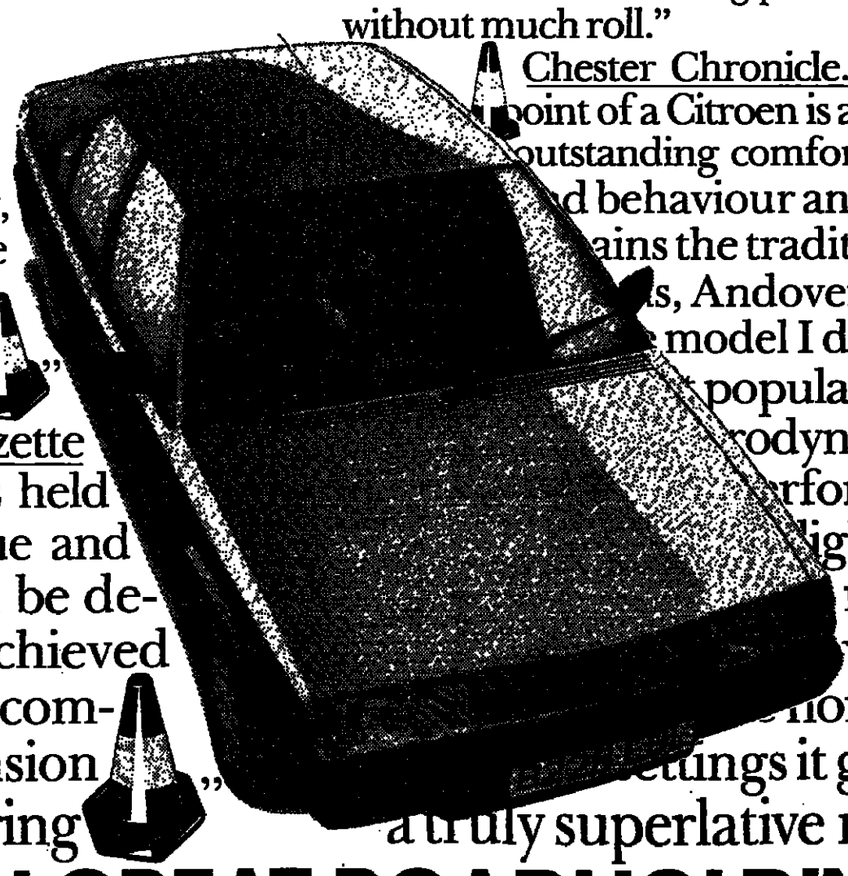
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# Tributes of grief to President Chernenko in Moscow's Hall of Columns



Sorrow for a dead leader: left, President Chernenko's widow, Anna Dmitrievna mourns in front of the bier, Mr Gorbachov, stands between Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister and an honour guard.

# Gorbachov faces long battle to push through new ideas

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov was elected Soviet Communist Party leader by the emergency Central Committee session on Monday because he had already manoeuvred behind the scenes to gain the support of key party leaders, and because he enjoyed the backing of the KGB and of economic administrators, according to informed sources.

But he now faces a difficult and perhaps prolonged struggle to push through his reformist ideas in the face of entrenched opposition from old guard bureaucrats.

Sources said Mr Gorbachov, who under the late President Andropov, masterminded a mini purge of regional party secretaries and the Central Committee secretariat, would now begin to move his own team into place, with a view to shaping the election of a new Central Committee at the next party congress, now expected in the autumn.

They said the Central Committee, which convened in the 24 hours between the death of President Chernenko on Sunday and the installation of his successor on Monday had been presented with a *fait accompli*. It was significant that Mr Gorbachov had been put forward by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the 75-year-old Foreign Minister and senior Politburo member.

"It is not just a matter of the old generation versus the new generation", one observer said. "Some of the hard line conservatives come from the new guard, and some of the old guard have long advocated generational change in the Kremlin in order to get Russia moving again."

It is nonetheless the gradual advent into the leadership of men in their fifties and sixties, rather than seventies and eighties, which has swung events in Mr Gorbachov's favour. It is striking that the 300-man Central Committee is substantially the same body which elected Andropov and Chernenko and which consolidated its power at the last party congress under Brezhnev in 1981. But many Central Committee members and many ageing provincial and regional party secretaries know that the generation shift is inevitable.

Of the Politburo itself, now reduced to 10 full members, four – Mr Gorbachov himself, Mr Grigori Romanov, Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, and Mr Geidar Aliyev – are from the younger generation, and all were promoted by the innovative Andropov during his brief period of office.

The young men that Andropov groomed are now reaching the top. Of the remaining six, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky of Ukraine, aged 67, Mr Dinmuhamed Kunayev of Kazakhstan, aged 73, and Mr Mikhail Solomentsev, aged 72, the head of the party control commission, are conservative hangovers from the Brezhnev era.

So is Mr Viktor Grishin, aged 70, the lacklustre Moscow city party chief, only recently tipped as the old guard's candidate to succeed Chernenko. But both Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the 79-year-old Prime Minister, and Mr Gromyko appeared during Chernenko's absences.

## Hints in the past year that high level enemies are still active

Mr Gorbachov occasionally slipped politically during the past year, suggesting that he has high-level enemies who are still active. His speech at the February emergency plenum last year which elected Mr Chernenko was not published, and in the autumn of last year he equally mysteriously failed to attend a number of key leadership meetings, at one point appearing lower down in the Politburo line-up in *Pravda* photographs than Mr Romanov.

One marked difference with previous succession crises has been that the new Defence Minister, Marshal Sokolov, is not a Politburo member. The views of the armed forces and the KGB carry great weight politically, and the lack of an Army voice at the top may have counted against Mr Romanov, who is 62, and who has strong links with the military.

The KGB, headed by Mr Viktor Chebrikov, favoured Mr Gorbachov, possibly because of his links with Andropov, who was head of the KGB for many years. Observers suggest that Mr Chebrikov could be rewarded with promotion from candidate to full Politburo member at the next Central Committee plenum, which may be held next month.

Mr Gorbachov is expected to make other early Politburo changes to bolster his position, especially since the leadership remained static under Chernenko.

Other candidate members who may be promoted include Mr Vladimir Dolgikh, aged 60, a managerial technocrat, and Mr Eduard Shevadnardze, the 57-year-old Georgian party leader, whose experience with economic experiments in Georgia could be valuable to Mr Gorbachov. Other Gorbachov aides to watch are Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov and Mr Yegor Ligachov, Central Committee secretaries for the economy and personnel.

Mr Gorbachov is not a liberal in the Western sense, and is likely to move with caution. His successful trip to Britain last December, in which he came across as relaxed and sophisticated, has perhaps conveyed a distorted image of him, since in Soviet eyes it does not pay to appear to be liberal minded.

"The fact that he admired the stained glass at Westminster Abbey, or that his wife speaks a little English and dresses elegantly, does not mean that Gorbachov is about to bring Russia closer to the West," one diplomat said. Others said there was a danger of building the same myths around Mr Gorbachov as around his mentor Mr Andropov, who was said to like jazz, modern art and Johnny Walker whisky.

Mr Gorbachov's first speech as leader, published in *Pravda* yesterday, was low key, but conveyed some of the urgency he feels about getting the Soviet economy moving. He spoke of a decisive turn toward intensive development and the need to reform "the entire management system".

In the short term, this will be Mr Gorbachov's priority, given that he is committed to decentralization, material incentives and even (some reports here say) a degree of market socialism of the kind introduced by Lenin in the 1920s as the New Economic Policy. Since relations with the West are already on a new course, with the Geneva talks already under way, Mr Gorbachov can turn his attention to Andropov's truncated reforms.

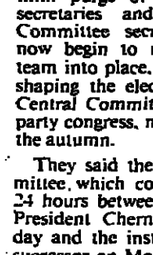
He may well decide that to do this he needs his own Prime Minister in place of Mr Tikhonov, who has in any case long wanted to retire. The leading candidate is Mr Vorotnikov, aged 59, at present the Russian Federation Premier.

His chief rival is probably Geidar Aliyev, aged 62, who is already Deputy Prime Minister. Mr Aliyev is an Azerbaijani, and southern ethnic origins are usually thought to be a handicap. But since joining the Politburo in 1982, with responsibility for transport, he has shown shrewdness and tough-minded efficiency as well as charm. He has strong links with the KGB, and was KGB chief in Baku before becoming party leader there in 1969.

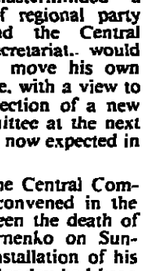
He could benefit from the assistance of Mr Romanov, except that Mr Romanov is likely to remain a tough and ruthless rival.

Mr Gorbachov's main problem could be the need to reconcile economic reform and incentives with continued high military spending and Mr Romanov, in association with conservatives from the old guard, is likely to pose as the champion of a hefty defence budget.

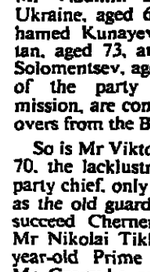
"Gorbachov's adroit manoeuvring has given him one of the smoothest successions in Soviet history", one Kremlin watcher said. "But he will need cooperation rather than opposition from men like Grigori Romanov if he is to make good use of his power."



Grigori Romanov



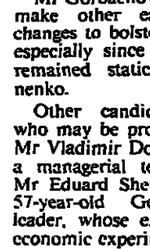
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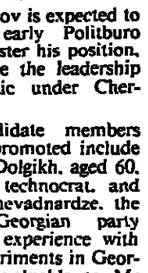
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## Danger of building the same myths that surrounded Andropov



President Reagan puts his signature to the condolence book at the Soviet Embassy in Washington

### With sympathy and hope

# World's leaders on way to funeral

From Mary Lee, Peking

Chinese Vice-Premier Li Peng left for Moscow yesterday to attend the funeral of President Chernenko, after China had expressed "profound condolences to the Soviet people".

The chairman of the National People's Congress, Mr Peng Zhen, said Chernenko had on many occasions expressed his hopes for increased Soviet-Chinese relations. He congratulated Mr Mikhail Gorbachov on his election as party secretary.

In a message to the new leader, the Chinese said: "We took special notice of (Gorbachov's) speech at the plenary session of the CPSU Central Committee to the effect that Soviet-Chinese relations will see a significant improvement. We too cherish the same hope."

The *People's Daily* yesterday gave full coverage of Chernenko's role and describes Mr Gorbachov's background.

The Xinhua news agency said Mr Pengh had a cordial meeting with the Soviet Ambassador, Mr I. S. Shcherbakov, at the embassy

● JAKARTA: President Suharto of Indonesia sent a cable of condolence to the Soviet Presidium in which he described Chernenko as a respected and distinguished figre both domestically and internationally (Our Correspondent writes). The Government said the ambassador to Moscow, Mr Mohamad Choesin, would represent Indonesia at Chernenko's funeral as the Foreign Minister was unable to make the trip from Jakarta on such short notice.

● MADRID: Mr Gorbachov, the Politburo's youngest member, offered the prospect of internal reform, several leading Madrid dailies said (Our Correspondent writes).

*El Pais* said: "It's logical to assume that he represents not only a new generation, but also those sectors of professionals, scientists and technicians who are today subordinated to hierarchs of the apparatus, but is is they who without a doubt can promote a process of modernization."

The monarchist *ABC* said: "One is almost obliged to accept the hypothesis that a process of deep revision is about to begin in the Soviet Union."

● BONN: Chancellor Kohl of West Germany flew to Moscow yesterday for the funeral, taking with him Herr Wolfgang Schäuble, the Cabinet-rank head of the Chancellery, who is responsible for relations with East Germany (Michael Binyon writes).

He was accompanied also by Herr Andreas Meyer-Landrut, the State Secretary in the Foreign Ministry, Herr Peter Boenisch, the government spokesman, and Herr Horst Teltschik, his foreign policy adviser.

Contrary to earlier reports on Monday, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, is not going to Moscow and is continuing his Latin America visit.

# Protesters make it a big day in Geneva

From Nicholas Ashford
Geneva

It was a day for talking, but also a day for protesting. As American and Soviet negotiators gathered for the first time at the Soviet Mission, various peace groups held press conferences and protests calling for an immediate halt to the nuclear arms race.

The most spectacular was organized by the Greenpeace movement, three of whose members dangled themselves and a large banner from a 75-foot crane on a building site overlooking the Soviet Mission. The banner stated; "Put words into action. Stop nuclear testing now".

The most dramatic was by a group of women who marched to the Soviet Mission from a makeshift "peace camp" set up outside the Palais des Nations. The women managed to rile the normally placid Swiss police, who eventually carried them off in a police van, an event carefully recorded by dozens of television cameras.

The most effective was a press conference held by representatives from British, American, West German, Dutch and Swiss peace movements.

The group, which included Ms Joan Ruddock and Monsignor Bruce Kent, of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, called on the two super powers to take three immediate steps to halt the arms race.

1. Stop deployment of American Pershing 2 and cruise missiles and Soviet SS20 missiles in Europe;

2. Halt testing and depolyment of new long range missiles and warheads;

3. Prevent the militerization of space by halting research, testing and production of "Star Wars" and other space weapons.

The group also proposed a number of independent initiatives, including a halt to all future development and deployment of British and French nuclear weapons, a ban by Belgium and The Netherlands on the deployment of cruise missiles, and the removal of Soviet medium range missiles from Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

Ms Ruddock accused the Reagan administration of "hypocrisy" by participating in the Geneva talks while at the same time going ahead with its "Star Wars" research programme and the deployment of the MX missile.

Monsignor Kent, calling for an immediate nuclear arms freeze said that people who argued that this would leave the Russians in a position of superiority were "merely using the language of the arms race". Ms Petra Kelly of the German Green Party noted that more than 60 former Nato generals and admirals now supported the peace movement's aims.

After their press conference the peace group leaders, bearing bunches of spring flowers, presented their demands at the Soviet Mission and held a silent prayer vigil. They later called on the American delegation.

Ironically, the aims of the peace movement are broadly the same as the American and Soviet negotiators. They differ only on tactics.

# Gunmen end embassy siege

Ottawa (AP) – Three armed men, calling themselves members of the Armenian Revolutionary Army, surrendered to police after bursting into the Turkish Embassy and holding 11 people hostage for more than four hours, police said.

Turkey's Ambassador, Mr Coskun Kirca, was injured and a security guard shot dead in the takeover. The ambassador, taken away afterwards in an ambulance, jumped or was pushed from an embassy window and apparently broke an arm and a leg.

His wife and a daughter were among the hostages and were released unharmed by the gunmen, who entered the embassy blowing off the front door with an explosive.

## Major dies in copter crash

Major Richard Balkwill of the Royal Artillery was killed and three others slightly injured when an Army helicopter crashed along Hong Kong's border with China early yesterday. An army spokesman said the Scout helicopter was on a regular patrol searching for illegal immigrants.

One of the injured was the new captain in charge of the Navy in Hong Kong, Captain Christoper Gotto, and the helicopter was taking him on an introductory tour. Also injured were the pilot, Captain Alan Wordie, and the crewman, Corporal Tony Powers.

## Connally denies share offences

Detroit (Reuter) — The former US Treasury Secretary, Mr John Connally, was yesterday accussed of illegal stock trading by an energy company which is the target of a $2.2 billion takeover bid with which Mr Connally is associated.

The American Natural Resources Co. charged in the US District Court that Mr Connally profited illegally from trading in ANR shares on the basis of inside information about an unfriendly takeover bid by Coastal Corp. Mr Connally has denied the charges.

## Toll of 59 in Philippines

Manila (AP) – Fifty-nine people were killed in clashes between government troops and communist rebels last weekend, the Manila newspaper *Bulletin* reported.

President Marcos made his first appearance outside the presidential palace in four months yesterday when he went to the airport in Manila to see off his wife, Imelda, who flew to Moscow for the Chernenko funeral.

## Lima killings

Lima (AP) – Shining Path guerrillas killed a 25-year-old policewoman and a Civil Guard in daylight street attacks in Lima. The gunmen left a note calling the policewoman an informer, and police said she had been transferred from a special anti-terrorist unit several months ago.

## Pilot blamed

Madrid. – The pilot was blamed for the crash of the Avianca jumbo in Madrid on November 27, 1983, in which 181 died and 11 survived, by a parliamentary commission report. The report claimed he failed to observe charts and landing instructions and flew too low.

## Shuttle delay

Cape Canaveral, Florida (AP) – It will take a week to 10 days to repair damage done to the space shuttle Discovery by a falling 2,500lb work bucket, delaying until mid-April its flight with Senator Jake Garn in the crew, Nasa announced.

## Zambia crisis

Lusaka (AFP) – Zambian President Kaunda banned all strikes in essential industries as railway, power supply and postal workers walked off their jobs in the northern town of Kitwe in solidarity with a nationwide stoppage by bank employees.

## Sabotage fear

Buenos Aires (AFP). – Foreign objects were found in a jet engine of Italian President Pertini's plane during a sabotage investigation, the Argentine Defence Ministry confirmed. Three caps from inner-tube air valves of the landing-gear wheels were in the engine's turbine.

## Mourners die

Peking (Reuter) – Thirteen people were killed and four others injured when they were crossing a railway track on their way to a funeral.

## Suicide suit

New York (AP) – Mr Jay Shaheri, aged 34, has filed a $20 million suit against the estate of a banker's widow who landed on him in a suicide leap from her apartment on the 19th floor. He said Mrs Mildred Walker jumped "without regard for human safety".

# Gandhi frees Sikh leaders to restore peace in Punjab

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

In an important conciliatory move towards the Sikhs, the Government has during the past two days released the leaders of the Akali Dal – the Immortal Party – who have been in dissension since the military operation against the Golden Temple of Amritsar last June.

The detention orders, under the draconian National Security Act, were revoked forthwith, according to the Home Minister, Mr S. B. Chavan. Those released include the leader of the Sikh agitation for the past two years, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, but significantly did not include Mr Gurcharan Singh Tohra, president of the principal temple management committee (SGPC).

Mr Tohra has long been regarded as more hardline than Sant Longowal, and, as the man in charge of the Golden Temple, has to take some responsibility for the activities of the extremist terrorists there.

However, another hardliner, Mr Jagder Singh Talwandi, has been released. He is the leader of a breakaway Akali group, and may have been released to provide counterweight to the Longowal group.

The others released include many of the moderate frontline and second line leaders, a former minister in the Janata government from 1977-80, Mr S. S. Barnala, and a moderate who opposed Mr Tohra for the presidency of the SGCP, Mr Atma Singh.

One surprising name missing from those released is the former Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr Prakash Singh Badal. However, though he is considered a moderate, he made some militant speeches after the Golden Temple operations, urging Sikhs to wear black turbans and defy the government, all of which seems to have identified him with the extremist wing.

The Home Minister was hopeful yesterday that political leaders of all parties in the state would contribute to the restoration of normality. But he insisted that the maintenance of law and order would continue to receive priority. "All extremist, anti-national and anti-social activities will be dealt with firmly and deterrent action taken", he said.

As a further measure of promotion against the Sikh secession from abroad, the Government also said that it had decided to legislate for the confiscation of property of non-resident Indians, indulging in sedition, terrorist or anti-national activities.

The releases are the first sign of some movement in the impasse in Punjab since the Prime Minister took office. After the December general election he set up a committee of three of his cabinet heavyweights to consider future action. They were Mr Chavan, Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Defence Minister, who took an active part in previous negotiations with the Akalis, and Mr K. C. Pant, a newcomer to the Cabinet.

In Sant Longowal the government has someone to whom it can talk and who is known not to be an extremist. Hardliners have recently been active and had something of a field day last week when at a meeting in Anandpur, the ad hoc committee managing the party threatened to resume militant action if an ultimatum, expiring on April 12, was not met.

The ultimatum calls for the release of the detainees, the withdrawal of troops from Punjab, the removal of the ban on the students' federation and a judicial inquiry into the anti-Sikh riots which followed the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi.

During the meeting young militants captured the platform, and slogans in favour of the independent Sikh state of Khalistan were shouted.

● The Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has named a new governor for Punjab, Mr Arjun Singh, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. He succeeds Mr K. T. Satarawala.

# Lange will ban Soviet icebreakers

Wellington, (Reuter) – Mr David Lange, New Zealand's Prime Minister told Parliament yesterday that Soviet nuclear-powered icebreakers would be refused entry to his country's ports under his nuclear-free policy.

But Mr Lange told Mr Jim McLay, leader of the conservative opposition National Party, that the icebreakers would not be prevented from entering the Ross Dependency, New Zealand's Antarctic claim.

Territorial claims in the Antarctic are not recognized by either the United States or the Soviet Union, but the ice-bound continent is internationally regarded as a demilitarized and nuclear-free zone.

Soviet and US icebreakers regularly visit New Zealand on their way to the Antarctic.

# Star Wars will divert resources, Heath says

By Julian Haviland

The Reagan Administration's Strategic Defence Initiative known as "Star Wars", would be "decoupling, destabilising and a diversion of resources" Mr Edward Heath said yesterday. It would delude the United States into a false security and encourage neo-isolationism, he added.

In the unlikely event of it working, and the Soviet Union developing a similar system, it would no longer be possible to reply on nuclear weapons to compensate for conventional inferiority; the independent British and French deterrents would be at risk.

The former Conservative Prime Minister displayed his scepticism in a lecture to the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London.

"Star Wars will not free the world from nuclear wapons" he said. "If you think there is an arms race 'you ain't seen nothing yet'."

Mr Heath argued for a fresh impetus to be given to European collaboration and integration in defence and foreign policy, to balance the present asymmetrical transatlantic alliance and to distribute the burden of defence more evenly.

Europeans should develop the capability to act independently. In Europe public opinion would prefer a credible conventional defence to the present level of dependence on the nuclear deterrent, Mr Heath said, but it was hard to see the Europeans finding the necessary resources without collaboration.

# Chalfont chairs right-wing look into the future

By Robin Young

Lord Chalfont, the former Minister for Disarmament, yesterday announced plans for a three-day international conference on the confrontation between communism and liberal democracy which he is to chair in London this month.

Conceived by a New York Republican lawyer and lecturer in politics, Mr Murray Baron, the conference is to be called "Beyond 1984". For security reasons no complete guest list is to be announced until the conference has assembled at the Royal Garden Hotel next Monday, but Lord Chalfont announced that participants will include Mr Richard Perle, US Assistant Secretary of Defence; Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, until recently US permanent representative to the United Nations; Mr Elliott Abrams, US Assistant Secretary of State at the Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs; Mr Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli ambassador to the UN and Mr Malcolm Fraser, the former Prime Minister of Australia.

People from 47 countries will be attending the conference, and exiles from 24 Communist controlled countries will be joining in the discussions about the collapse of Marxist-Leninist ideology, and the potential and propensities of Soviet military power.

The conference keynote speech is to be made by Lord Quinton, President of Trinity College, Oxford, and other major speakers are to be Professor Leszek Kolakowski of All Souls, Oxford; Mr Christopher Donnelly of the Soviet Studies Research Unit at Sandhurst; Mr Brian Crozier, former Director of the Institute for the Study of Conflict; M Jean-François Revel, former editor of *L'Express*; Mr Norman Podhoretz, editor-in-chief of *Commentary* magazine; and a columnist of *The Times*, Dr Roger Scruton.

# Papandreou asks law professors to approve his constitutional reform

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Socialist Government took pains yesterday to allay fears that its constitutional reforms had totalitarian motives of that the departure of President Karamanlis would signal changes in its foreign policy.

A government spokesman said Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, had asked the professors fo constitutional law in all Greek universities, to submit to Parliament by next Monday their opinion on a controversial proposal to simplify procedures for the amendment of the constitution.

Instead of requiring the consent of two successive parliaments and enhanced majorities to amend the non-fundamental provisions of the constitution, this amendment would go through inside the term of one parliament by a three-fifths majority (180 votes out of 300) and would be confirmed by a second vote taken one month later.

The proposal was attacked by the Opposition because it would enble the ruling party to muster occasional alliances and alter the constitution with the same ease as it amended ordinary legislation. Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, leader of the conservative New Democracy, the leading opposition party, said: "This is only one step away from abolishing democracy."

The proposals are already being considered by a parliamentary select committee whose aim is to curtail the powers of the head of state. These amendments will go into force only after they are sanctioned by the next Parliament.

The Government spokesman also affirmed that there would be no foreign policy changes. "There will be continuity and consistency with our original policy statement", he said.

There has been some concern in Athens and in Brussels because President Karamanlis, who stepped down on Sunday, had been a fervent supporter of Greece's membership of Nato and the EEC. The spokesman added: "We do not intend to withdraw from either."

Similar misgivings were echoed strongly from the European Community.

## Turkish leader offers talks with Greece

**Ankara (Reuter) – The Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Turgut Ozal, called yesterday for comprehensive negotiations with Athens, but also gave a warning that a "hot situation" would arise if Greece extended its territorial waters.**

**At a luncheon for Athens-based journalists, he appealed for a Greek-Turkish dialogue on the air, sea and seabed issues over which the two Nato members are deeply divided.**

**"I propose here and now to the Greek leadership to proceed to comprehensive negotiations," Mr Ozal said. Talks could be held anywhere at any level, and he was prepared to meet the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou.**

**Asked what would happen if Greece extended its territorial waters from six miles to 12 – something Athens says it has the right to do – he replied: "We will not recognize any *faits accomplis* . . . We will take the necessary actions, and if those actions lead to a hot situation, all right."**

## Two hands join in gratitude for surgeon's skill



The world's only living artificial heart patients, Bill Schroeder, left, and Murray Haydon, right, meet at Humana Hospital, Audubon, Kentucky.

## North-south tension in EEC holds up progress

From Ian Murray
Strasbourg

An EEC battle between north and south is growing as a direct result of negotiations for the entry of Spain and Portugal, M Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, told the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday.

M Delors said the negotiations had never been so close to a solution, but he was extremely worried by what he called "the abuse of the diplomacy of links" by member states. In his view, each country was making agreement conditional on an ever-growing package of other problems. This made it impossible to progress.

He considered it essential that next week's meeting of foreign ministers breaks the deadlock and so prevents the whole question being sent through to the European summit for negotiation. It would, he said, be very wrong for the heads of government to be left "wallowing around in fruit and vegetables, swallowing mouthfuls of aspirins".

But his worry was that a tension now existed between the north and south of the Community which was not simply financial but showed up the lack of understanding between the different cultures and was leading some countries to turn their backs on the solidarity necessary for EEC dynamism.

As this "diplomacy of links" was at the root of the Community's budgetary problems, he did not intend putting forward any new commission plan to sort out the crisis. This would only confuse things. Ministers would have to negotiate on the basis of what was now on offer.

M Delors promised that by the end of May the Commission would put forward a plan to open up the Community's internal market by 1992. This would be a blueprint for the way in which all the internal frontiers could be removed, to create a real Common Market.

He promised that the European summit at the end of this month would receive a commission plan for helping the growth of technology in the Community.

M Delors was sure that "something must happen" to change the Community's decision-making procedure and to move it forward into wider areas of co-operation.

## Protest to Austria on Reder welcome

By Our Foreign Staff

A protest to Austria against the handling of the welcome for former SS Major Walter Reder, following his release from an Italian jail in January, was telexed yesterday to Chancellor Fred Sinowatz. Signatories included Sir Alfred Ayer, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Mr Alfred Brendel and Sir George Solti.

Sent from London by Dr Wolfgang George Fischer, the message said:

"On the anniversary of Hitler's invasion of Austria we wish to express our deep concern about the affair of SS-Sturmbannführer Reder and Defence Secretary Frischenschlager stop World opinion has been inevitably shaken by the inept political handling of the affair by an otherwise democratic Austria stop We hope that in the truly liberal and antitotalitarian tradition of Austria and your own party you will revise the decision of your Government which has so damaged the prestige of Austria stop

H. G. Adler, Lord Beloff, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Chaim Bermant, Alexandre Blokh, Alfred Brendel, Lord Briggs, Professor John Charap, Professor Alexander Goehr, Sir Ernest Gombrich, Barry Humphries, Elaine Landesmann, Dr Hans Landesmann, Melvin Lasky, Professor Norman Morris, Sir Claus Moser, Professor Peter Pulzer, Fritz von der Schulenburgh, Sir Georg Solti, Professor J. P. Stern, Professor Norman Stone, Lord Weidenfeld.

## New Barbados Premier faces tough election

From Jeremy Taylor
Port of Spain, Trinidad

The new Prime Minister of Barbados, Mr Bernard St John, aged 53, has not been the Caribbean's luckiest politician. He is a former leader of the Barbados Labour Party (BLP) and while in opposition, lost his parliamentary seat in an election and stood down in favour of his deputy, Mr Tom Adams.

Mr Adams went on to lead the BLP to election victories in 1976 and 1981 and stood a reasonable chance of a third five-year term when he died on Monday.

Like Mr Adams, Mr St John is a British-trained lawyer. He has been in politics for 26 years and is a former Minister of Trade in Industry. A less charismatic and aggressive figure than Mr Adams, he is faced with asserting his leadership before next year's elections.

The Opposition Democratic Labour Party, of Mr Errol Barrow, a former Prime Minister who led Barbados to independence from Britain in 1966, holds 10 of the 27 seats in Parliament. He has been gaining ground in the last year and bruising Mr Adams's image as a clever economic manager. Barbados has emerged from a difficult recessionary period in the early 1980s, but high unemployment and swiftly rising prices have eroded the BLP's popularity.

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### Tehran in state of shock

## Iraq steps up war with 6-city blitz

Tehran (AFP) – Iraq yesterday carried out its first air raid on the Iranian capital in more than four years, killing six people in residential areas of northern Tehran, the Iranian news agency, Irna, said.

Iraqi planes also bombarded the towns of Masjed Soleiman, Khorramabad, Burujerd, Arak and Dezful, the agency said. Complete casualty details were not released.

The raid on Tehran came less than an hour before a United Nations deadline for Iran and Iraq to stop bombarding civilian targets.

Iran reported that more than 400 civilians have died in the bombings since they began a week ago and although Iraq has not released figures, casualties are thought to have resulted from repeated shelling of several towns, notably the eastern city of Basra.

Shortly before the UN deadline, Iran, for the first time in the Gulf war, used ground-to-ground missiles to hit "economic and military installations in the northern Iraqi town of Kirkuk," Irna reported.

After the Tehran air raid, the city's northern Zargandeh neighbourhood was in a state of shock.

Women wept in the streets, amid rubble and broken glass. The bomb which hit the leafy suburb of villas and gardens had flattened a house, killing in their beds two girls, their father and perhaps an elderly lady, neighbours said.




● BAGHDAD: Iraq said yesterday that its forces had launched air and rocket attacks against six Iranian cities, including Tehran, and repulsed an Iranian ground offensive in the southern Iraqi Huwaizah Marshland (AP reports).

## UN on way to famine relief target

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

**Thanks to the "understanding and compassion" of the international community "very considerable progress" has been made towards the goal of $1.5 billion for famine victims in Africa this year, Mr Bradford Morse, Director of the UN Office for Emergency Operations in Africa, said yesterday.**

**Summing up the results of the two-day conference, attended by representatives of 125 nations, he declined to quantify this. "It would be premature and reckless to state a figure now", he added. They would first have to examine the pledges given by various countries, so as to determine what was genuinely "new" money and what had previously been committed for UN or bilateral projects.**

**His caution matched the incredulity of many delegates at the announcement that Italy has earmarking for Africa most of a new $895 million aid programme over the next 18 months. He obviously felt that many governments, anxious to make a gesture commensurate with the desperate situation in a score of African countries, had overlooked the proviso that the conference's aim was to mobilize resources exclusively for the famine emergency.**

## Reagan tries again to persuade Congress to arm Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan is planning a fresh assault to persuade Congress to resume military aid to the 14,000 American-backed rebels fighting the Sadinista Government of Nicaragua. He has retreated for the time being from a number of complex ideas to aid the rebels without Congressional approval.

The administration is seriously worried that the main rebel force is steadily falling apart. If that happens a tide of refugees, guerrillas and their families, numbering perhaps 150,000 could sweep into neighbouring Costa Rica to the south or Hunduras to the north.

Sandinista forces are reported to be preparing for a major campaign to rout the rebels in border territories. Nicaragua now has a number of Russian helicopter gunships similar to those used by the Soviet Union with devastating effect against the rebels in Afghanistan.

Mr Reagan is considering a nationwide television appeal on behalf of the rebels, whom he has called "our brothers" and the "moral equivalent of the Founding Fathers." They received their last payment from the Central Intelligence Agency nine months ago.

Congress appears resolute that it will not approve a resumption of funds for the "secret war". White House officials estimate that the administration is 50 to 60 votes short of victory in the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives.

Señor Enrique Bermudez, military commander of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), the largest rebel group, said last week that the flow of private money, food, clothing and medicines would falter if Congress refuses further aid, because the world would see it "as a signal that the United States is withdrawing from Nicaragua."

The White house campaign to get the funding reinstated may be held in abeyance until the Congressional battle over the MX missile becomes more clear. Administration officials say a forceful national campaign will begin on behalf of the rebels after the Easter recess. They acknowledge that the signs still are that Mr Reagan is heading for his first big foreign policy defeat at the hands of Congress.

But on the MX missile the President appears to be making remarkable headway. Congressional opponents of the MX are conceding that the programme could after all be approved, but that the number of missiles the President wants will be reduced. President Reagan is seeking nearly six billion dollars for 21 MX missiles in the 1985 budget and 48 more in 1986.

Congressional opponents say Mr Reagan is gaining ground with his argument that he needs the MX as a bargaining chip at the Geneva arms talks. Test votes will be held perhps next week, but the substantive votes on financing the MX will come later.

## Young foresees more Chinese trade

From David Bonavia
Hong Kong

Britain's relatively poor showing in trade with China over the past few years was an aspect of the overall situation of British exports, but this could soon be improved, Lord Young said here yesterday. He thought that things were changing and that Britain would be "competitive again".

The British Minister without Portfolio, who led the recent trade delegation to China, described the visit as most interesting and productive.

The delegation of top British business executives met Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Premier, and Mr Chen Muhua, the Minister for Foreign Trade.

## Bomb defused

Böblingen, West Germany (AP) – US Army experts defused a large homemade bomb outside an officers' club here, West German police reported. An anonymous caller phoned a local clergyman to report the location of the bomb.

### Mulroney's first six months

## Tories struggle to deliver

From John Best, Ottawa

Next Sunday will be a doubly auspicious occasion for Mr Brian Mulroney, Canada's Prime Minister. It marks the completion of his Conservative Government's first half year in office. It also sees the beginning of a two-day summit between Mr Mulroney and President Reagan in Quebec city.

For Mulroney, the combination is both symbolic and appropriate. Improved relations between Canada and the US has been one of the central themes of his administration, which was inaugurated last September 17 after a stunning Tory election victory over the Liberals.

The Prime Minister's views closer co-operatin with the US, starting at the summit level, as the key to fulfilling his principal election promise: to get the sluggish Canadian economy moving again and to provide "jobs, jobs, jobs".

He hopes to create a climate in which the Canadian economy, to put it bluntly, can ride piggy-back to prosperity on the booming American economy.

The Tory Government has already taken steps to loosen controls on forward investments in order to spark that infusion of foreign capital which was scared off by restrictions imposed by the previous Liberal administration.

It has promised to soften Canada's highly controversial national energy programme, regarded by the US as an unfriendly venture which discriminates against American oil companies operating in Canadian frontier lands.

Mr Mulroney's message to American industrialists is that "Canada is open for business again".

The last half year has been a serene period for the Tory Government. Apart from a couple of minor scandals, one of which resulted in the resignation of Mr Mulroney's Defence Minister, the Government has managed a remarkably smooth transition. At the same time, in spite of a massive Commons majority, it has generally preferred to play it safe rather than strike out boldly in new directions.

So far it is difficult to see what the policy of wooing the Americans has accomplished. The Canadian economy still shows no signs of making a great leap forward. It has to be remembered, however, that winter is a notoriously hard time to get things going in cold Canada.

Unemployment has fallen marginally, on a seasonally adjusted basis, but it is still around 11 per cent.



Mr Mulroney: Seeking special US relationship.

Inflation is down marginally, to 3.7 per cent, but interest rates have been climbing recently, reflecting some weakening of the Canadian dollar, and causing concern that they might abort a business recovery.

Neither have the Tories had much luck fulfilling their campaign promise to cut the huge federal budget deficit, which is expected to go as high as $(Can)35 billion in the fiscal year beginning April 1, higher, probably than in the current year.

Despite several billion dollars' worth of spending cuts, federal expenditures are continuing their inexorable rise, and next year will probably top $(Can)105 billions, a jump of 4.7 per cent. Still, it is the smallest percentage increase in the past 17 years.

The problem of the deficit is greatly complicated by the fact that the most tempting targets for expenditure cuts – old age pensions and family allowances – are virtually untouchable for political reasons.

At the same time, the Mulroney Cabinet is extremely reluctant to raise taxes.

In foreign affairs, as in business affairs, the accent has been on closer co-operation with the US, especially in continental defence matters. This has now become a burning political issue, with the parliamentary opposition claiming that Mr Mulroney has jeopardized Canadian independence.

Mr Mulroney's blossoming special relationship with Mr Reagan does nothing to still such criticism.

## New York lawyers reveal fate of Italian 'intriguer'

From Peter Nichols
Rome

A meeting due to take place today in New York of the three lawyers defending Signor Francesco Pazienza should reveal how the man allegedly involved in many famous scandals on both sides of the Atlantic will oppose the Italian request for his extradition.

For years Signor Pazienza has been a shadowy figure in the Italian political world but he is now emerging as "an intriguer of the highest level", in the words of an official following the case here.

The list of events with which his name is connected is as long as it is dramatic: the last days of Signor Roberto Calvi, the Italian banker found dead in June 1982 under Blackfriars bridge; the Masonic scandal of subversion involving the banned P2 Propaganda lodge and the attacks on the former President Carter's brother, known at the time as "Billygate". He allegedly had Mafia and camorra connections.

He certainly did well out of his activites. Aged 39 he has a degree in medicine and an excellent grasp of four or five languages, including Arabic. The order issued here to seize his property revealed him to be the owner of two Rolls-Royces, a Jaguar, several flats in Rome, a luxury yacht, a castle in northern Italy aeroplanes, helicopters and several finance companies. His work in the world of politics and espionage, according to one of the investigators, "was aimed purely at financial gain". Two American police officers are here to investigate his alleged connections with "Cosa Nostra".

The defence is expected to oppose his extradition on grounds that he is being prosecuted for political reasons.

● BOLOGNA: Twenty-four people have been arrested on charges of committing Mafia-related crimes in central Italy and Naples, police said yesterday (Reuter reports).


# Interest rates on Deposits

In accordance with the provisions of the Finance Act 1984 all banks in the United Kingdom will from 6 April 1985 require to pay Composite Rate Tax on any interest paid on sterling deposits to most personal customers, sole traders and partnerships. Foreign currency deposits will come into the new system from 6 April 1986.

Under the new system, customers affected will receive interest *net* of tax. The tax, which is called 'Composite Rate Tax' or 'CRT', will be accounted for by the Bank at source and paid direct to the Inland Revenue. Interest earned on Building Society deposits is already subject to similar arrangements with the Inland Revenue. Banks currently pay interest *gross* i.e. without tax being deducted.

The level of CRT is set once a year, by the Government, and will be 25.25% for the year commencing 6 April 1985.

The Table below shows how our current interest rates (i.e. as at 11 March 1985) will be affected by the introduction of CRT. Please note that these interest rates are subject to variation and may be changed both before and after 6 April 1985.

| Account | Customers not affected by CRT Gross Rate % per annum | Customers affected by CRT Net Rate % per annum | Customers affected by CRT Gross Equivalent Rate % per annum |
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| **Premium Account.** (Repayable on demand. Interest paid quarterly.) | 13.25 | 9.90 | 14.15 |
| **Savings Account/Rainbow Savings Account/ Cashline Deposit Account.** (Repayable on demand. Interest calculated on minimum monthly balance. Interest paid annually.) | | | |
| Balances of £1,000 and over | 11.50 | 8.60 | 12.28 |
| Balances of £500–£999 | 9.25 | 6.91 | 9.88 |
| Balances of less than £500 | 7.75 | 5.79 | 8.28 |
| **Investment Account.** (Repayable at 28 days' | | | |
| Interest paid quarterly | 12.50 | 9.34 | 13.35 |
| Interest paid monthly | 12.25 | 9.16 | 13.08 |
| **Seven Day Deposit Account.** (Repayable at 7 days' notice. Interest paid quarterly.) | 11.50 | 8.60 | 12.28 |
| **High Interest Deposit.** (Terms of 1-7 years. Interest paid quarterly.) | | | |
| 5-7 years | 13.75 | 10.28 | 14.68 |
| 4 years | 13.50 | 10.09 | 14.42 |
| 3 years | 13.25 | 9.90 | 14.15 |
| 2 years | 13.00 | 9.72 | 13.88 |
| 1 year | 12.75 | 9.53 | 13.62 |
| **Deposit Receipt.** (Repayable on demand. Interest paid when encashed.) | 11.50 | 8.60 | 12.28 |

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# THE ARTS

**Paul Griffiths** investigates the modern popularity of Mahler's music in light of the major concert series 'Mahler, Vienna and the Twentieth Century' which begins at the Barbican tomorrow evening

## Irresistible doubts

**Why Mahler? Last spring Simon Rattle was conducting the Philharmonia through a tour around Mahler, Strauss and their successors. Six months before that the Edinburgh Festival was celebrating Mahler and his Viennese contemporaries. Now Claudio Abbado turns the London Symphony Orchestra towards "Mahler, Vienna and the Twentieth Century" in a sequence of concerts that will march through most of the rest of the year. Why?**

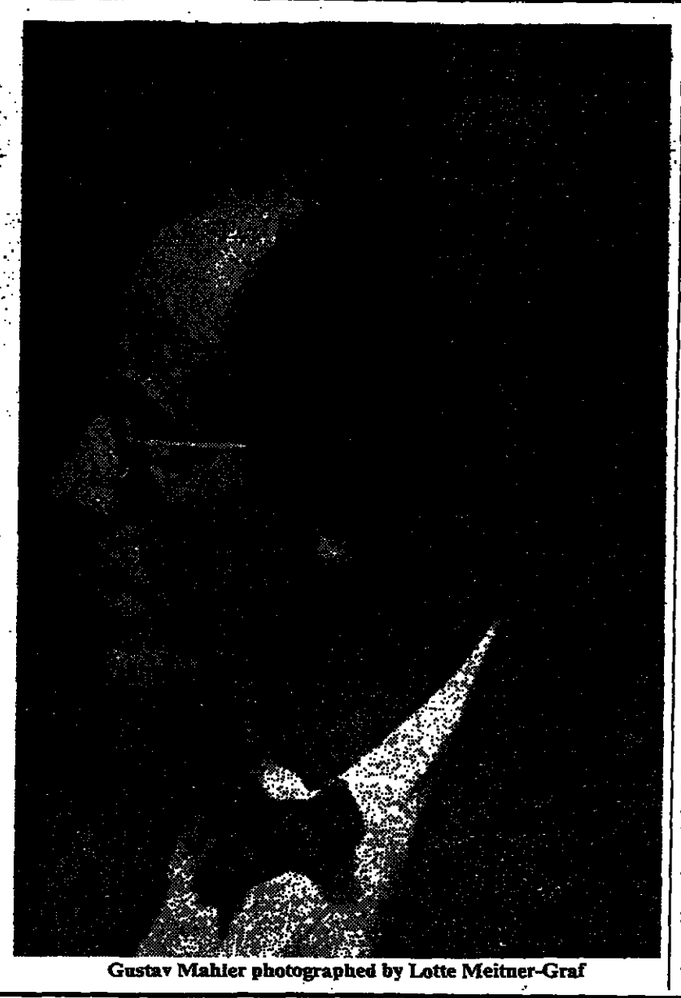
**It is not good enough to say that Mahler is good box-office: one then has to explain why for half a century, between his death in 1911 and his birth centenary in 1960, he was not. Perhaps the deeper reason lies in the closeness of his questions to ours, in the degree to which, like modern literary critics, arms control negotiators and bishops, he worries about the unruly connections between language and truth.**

**The music, he once said, is not in the notes. And that might well stand as a key statement of the musical twentieth century to place against Stravinsky's dictum that the art is incapable of expressing anything at all. Both of course were consciously speaking half the truth: nothing can be communicated without a language, and a language cannot be used without communicating something. But, while Stravinsky sought to make artificial languages that might keep communication at bay, Mahler went out of his way to use musical images sticky with references to the real world: military marches, folksong, café music, alpine cowbells. And, just as Stravinsky's avoidance of expression in fact speaks volumes, so Mahler's use of symbols can seem a cool act of construction.**

**Quite clearly Mahler was aware of this: it is the source of his irony. A military march on the parade ground is hardly more than functional; a military march in a symphony becomes a symbol of organized might. But, if meaning is thereby dependent on context, one must doubt the possibility that any musical thought corresponds unequivocally with some emotional state or whatever. Where irony runs so deep, we cannot be certain anywhere that the author means what he says. There are movements, like the finale of the Ninth Symphony, where Mahler appears to be speaking directly through a language of the emotions such as Deryck Cooke defined. But there are others, such as the first movement of the Fourth, where everything seems to be placed in quotation marks. And the vast bulk of Mahler's music slips tantalizingly from one side to the other.**

**As long as people thought there were definite answers, Mahler's doubts could have little appeal, which may in part account for his eclipse, and for his irrelevance, except as a contrast, to composers from Stravinsky to the younger Boulez. The LSO festival is bound to encounter problems, therefore, in connecting Mahler with the twentieth century, problems which are obviously exacerbated by the impossibility of sustaining any coherent view all the way through 21 programmes involving other musicians who will have their own Mahlers and their own twentieth centuries: Abbado shares the conducting with Rattle, Boulez, Bernstein and Colin Davis, and there are soloists of the magnitude of Pollini and Norman.**

**No doubt there were practical difficulties that explain why, for instance, Alexander Goehr and Harrison Birtwistle are represented but not the far more Mahlerian Peter Maxwell Davies, or why there are three works by the delightfully un-Mahlerian Ligeti. But nobody could be in a mood to complain when these concerts will bring us virtually the whole of Mahler's output, besides a large part of Berg's and other tracings of Mahler's influence through Webern and Boulez, Schoenberg and Shostakovich, Britten and Berio. Whether one prefers to see Mahler as the supreme symphonic architect or as an autobiographer in tones, there will be ample opportunity to hear.**



Gustav Mahler photographed by Lotte Meitner-Graf

### Television

## Muddy triumph

In 1926 John Logie Baird advertised in this paper for help in building the first television set. Today some 2,300 million people watch the medium which has made Lucille Ball the most famous person in the world – and producers use *The Times* personal column to find contestants for quiz-shows like **Busman's Holiday.**

Bravely hosted by Julian Pettifer, Granada's tasteless challenge to *Blankety Blank* invites three teams to answer questions on their own jobs, each other's jobs and travel. Last night's clash of Titans involved some cocky doctors, a trio of glum prison-officers and three bedraggled vicars.

The vicars had the worst of it. "It's not going up", said one who was asked to take a pretty girl's temperature. "According to this, she's gone." The doctors won, their prize an invigorating course of treatment in a German mud-bath – rather what the producer needed.

I do not know where I would send the producer of Holiday Talk (Thames), in which famous people chat about their hols to the presenter Lesley Judd, the tipster Nils Blythe and a guest travel-writer. Two weeks ago Denis Healey showed us his snaps and said how lovely Portugal was. Last night Pamela Stephenson flew in from Los Angeles.

Mr Blythe, who has trouble taking his eyes off the presenter, bobbed up to say that, with the dollar's present level, now was not the best time to go to California. We were next treated to a film of the promised land over which dribbled a commentary extolling the place's "tolerance, generosity and . . . Dionysian madness". It looked as if Dionysus might have had a hand in pouting Pam's couture, giving her the appearance of a psychedelic charlady. No dollar problems for her.

"Get a chauffeur", was her advice on how to get your bearings in L.A. After surviving a trip through Death Valley and "dangerous things like puff adders which kill you" she had come back loaded with presents. A Gucci bib for daughter Daisy; and for poor Mr Blythe a Groucho Marx jock-strap – about all the support he got.

Television (Granada) continued to pepper its own backside with more shots – hesitate to call it analysis – of television news. There was some devastating footage, for which full credit to the film researchers Avril Warner and Jane Mercer, but the programme suffered the same problems as it discovered in its subject – sensationalism and glibness. The clips were too quick and there was no attempt to investigate the pornographic quality of news and its relentless emphasis on hard-core action devoid of history or postcript.

**Nicholas Shakespeare**

John Percival meets **Dan Wagoner** (right), whose new work receives its London première by Ballet Rambert next week

## Energetic gestures



Dan Wagoner came late to dancing, after taking a degree in pharmacy and serving in the U.S. Army, and he has never been the showy type to make a glamorous reputation. But he has what is more satisfying and can last longer, a gentle but rugged individuality that left its mark on many roles he created as a performer and is now steadily making his choreography more widely admired.

He has his own company in America which, if all goes well, will play in London later this year. His work will be seen anyway in Britain thanks to the piece he has already mounted for Ballet Rambert and another that he is to create next month for Janet Smith and Dancers. I talked to him while he was working with Rambert on *An Occasion for Some Revolutionary Gestures*, which has its London première on Monday at Sadler's Wells.

Tall, slim and almost uncannily fit, Wagoner looks a good 10 or 12 years younger than the 52 that reference books give him. Perhaps that owes something to his healthy, active life, but a country upbringing and an unusually innocent, kindly nature must also have played a part. Not that he lacks shrewdness or an enquiring mind. All these qualities – together with an irrepressible sense of humour – show in his dances.

Wagoner was born in Springfield, West Virginia, and grew up there as one of a large family – "Without much money, in a house with no inside toilet. We bathed in an old tub and drew water from a pump in the kitchen. But my mother cooked very well for us, and made her own bread; we were happy and made our own entertainment."

He graduated from West Virginia University intending a career as a pharmaceutical chemist, and began to study dance when stationed in Washington during his military service.

That led him, at 24, to New York and the Martha Graham school. Soon he was in her company, where he stayed four years, a period that included such creations as the comic-virtuosic *Acrobats of God*. One of his fellow-dancers was Paul Taylor and, because the Graham company did not perform continuously, Wagoner was able to take part also in Taylor's early creations, leaving with him when the Paul Taylor company became a permanent operation.

The Taylor company was a hotbed of choreographic as well as dancing talent. Wagoner, Twyla Tharp, Senta Driver and others were all to branch away in time to set up their own companies. Wagoner's has been going now since 1969.

Wagoner's creative style has little in common with either Graham or Taylor, although it does owe a lot to his own special quality as a dancer, which Taylor once identified as the way his movements are weighted. "It looks as if he were pressing against heavy water rather than air." The effect is quite different from the kind of dancing that gives the effect of flitting or floating. The spectator is involved in seeing the energy that presses into the floor or lifts out of it."

The most important outside influence on Wagoner's work has been George Montgomery, the quiet anarchist poet with whom he shares a loft home at the unchic end of Broadway. Montgomery sometimes appears as an actor or commentator – at least once also as dancer – in Wagoner's productions. More important, he encourages Wagoner in the gentle nonconformity of his dances.

Working with Rambert, Wagoner found: "Some of the dancers were shocked – well, not exactly shocked but disconcerted by the things I asked them to do. I had to explain to them that this is as serious to me as an arabesque is to you." The movements are often eccentric, but Wagoner insists, although with a wry smile: "I like to think that all my dances are concerned with the basics: time, space and energy. Very pure!"

He sometimes finds choosing music a problem. "I try to listen to a lot of composers, but most nowadays are only making electronic scores or heavy rock, which means nothing to me except for its drive and volume." Consequently, he has been known to start a dance in silence and then let George Montgomery suggest music that might go with what he has done, whereupon he starts again in a process of adaptation.

In the case of his work for Rambert, however, the music suggested itself more directly. "I had worked with this pianist, Michael Sahl, and he came on tour with the company and played for us in class. He liked playing 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' and he did it in many different ways. He would say: 'Dan, I'm going to play it like Mozart', or I would ask him 'Can you do it like an old Baptist service?'

"One day I suggested that he should collect all these things together and write a set of variations, which he has done. It includes what he calls a Country Shuffle, and it ends with Chopin, which sounds so different that I asked him, are you sure that's 'Yankee Doodle Dandy'? He says, yes, all the elements are there.

"I tried in my dances just to match the music. I set it first for my own company, and that gave me the courage to come here and do it again in a quite short time, trying to respond to the qualities of these dancers. Originally it was for only seven dancers, and here I have used 14, the biggest cast I ever worked with – mostly in smaller groups, but there is one dance where they are all together.

"I have called it *An Occasion for Some Revolutionary Gestures*, which I am told is too long for the publicity. But that's what it is really, and anyway I don't like a title that tells people what to expect, because then they see what they think they ought, instead of looking at it for themselves."

● Past and present members of the Royal Shakespeare Company are to stage a special entertainment, *Where There's a Will . . .*, in aid of the Ethiopian Appeal Fund, at the Barbican Theatre on March 17.

### Opera

## Stanford's vain search for character

### Much Ado About Nothing

Jeannetta Cochrane

Stanford can still be discovered in B flat within our churches and cathedrals, and there are always seafaring baritones to sing his songs; but opera? Famed for looking over the overlooked, Opera Viva and their conductor Leslie Head have reached unusually far into the barrel even for them in giving us the chance to see Stanford in so unfamiliar a light.

At least, that is potentially what they were doing. I kept looking for Stanford but quite failed to find him, this *Much Ado About Nothing* being so extraordinarily empty of character. The programme suggested we might detect the influences of Gounod, Verdi and Brahms. God help us, but in fact the music took place on so innocuous an harmonic level as to be incapable of showing any particular physiognomy at all.

It failed in its own time, surviving for only two performances at Covent Garden in 1901, and I cannot imagine it will do much better in ours, even though it is guaranteed more playings than that this week. The text was unceremoniously cut for Stanford's purposes by Julian Sturgis, so that one ends up with a Lamb's tale ripe for setting to sentimental music. There are a few songs, notably for the baritone Benedick, in the style of drawing room ballads, some collectably bathetic melodrama in the last two acts, and a couple of pretty ensembles. Not much more.

Since the opera is so very much a period piece rather than any kind of artistic occasion, the producer, Michael Hunt, was right to give it a period setting, so that Benedick and Claudio became a kind of much-diluted Algernon and Ernest. For indeed, to the extent that Stanford makes them personalities at all, he makes them personalities of his own age. It is merely unfortunate that his age would have expected full symphonic support in the pit. Mr Head conducts what sounds like a cafe orchestra, skating all the time on the edge of parodying the score.

The cast is uneven, but there are nice performances from some of the young singers involved. Brigitta Angsmyr as Hero is the image of innocent beauty, with a voice made brightly radiant by her quick vibrato; Patricia Cameron is aptly fruitier as Beatrice. Rodney Gibson conveys presence and authority as Benedick, and Michael Birnbaum is a noble Don Pedro. There is a solid bass Dogberry from Greg Winter, who cannot be blamed for the fact that Stanford's dispassionate score makes nothing of the comedy. Another bass, Nigel Fair, is also very dependable as the cleric, in a scene whose choral music looks, from this shipwrecked piece, towards more familiar Stanfordian shores.

**Paul Griffiths**

### Theatre



A likeable Petruchio: Fiona Victory

### The Taming of the Shrew

Stratford East

To present an all-woman version of this play might seem a long overdue act of vengeance on British drama's ultimate piece of male chauvinism. But, when it comes to turning a bright idea into detailed reality, it is hard to imagine what a team of ladies can do to dislocate a powerfully single-minded comedy that has continued to fill theatres with enthusiastic spectators, all violently opposed to the viewpoint.

This production opens with the sight of two large sheets of paper inscribed with male and female stereotypes, and ends with Katharine addressing her recantation speech to the house with a mad missionary fervour – whereupon she is wrapped in a blanket and led away. But, between these two feminist highspots, what we get is a lukewarm performance of the text which does nothing to alter the usual balance of sympathies; except that Fiona Victory's Petruchio is unusually likeable and obviously means no harm, and that Susan Cox's Shrew emerges as a foot-stamping brat. To put it mildly, the show steers clear of feminist clichés.

However, if the production leaves the characters intact, it succeeds in dislocating every other component of the play. It is the work of Ultz (following his *Pericles* at this address), and it offers renewed confirmation that designers make the most tyrannical directors.

His company may have set out to strike a blow against male supremacy, but in joining Ultz's team they have submitted to more wilful and arbitrary masculine manipulation than Petruchio ever inflicted on Katharine. Playing mainly in jeans and orange tops, they are treated as a group of malleable artists' properties and have great difficulty in establishing independent identity. Even if you know the play well, it is still far from easy to sort out Bianca's rival suitors, nor is the plot plain sailing when much of it is delivered as sing-song doggerel.

Of Ultz's visual fertility there is never a moment's doubt. Much of the design takes shape under your eyes, as the two sisters line up against a paper screen to be respectively outlined as a devil and an angel with an aerosol spray. For the music lesson, a lute is painted on to another screen before the luckless tutor's head tears through the picture. Lucentio apostrophizes the "modest" Bianca while mooning over a portrait of a headless nude with giant mammary equipment. And, when Gremio presents his tutor, it is in the dismembered Magritte-like form of half a dozen boxes painted with different parts of the anatomy.

Almost invariably, though, the trouble with these ideas is that they work only on first impact, and then litter the stage like burnt-out fireworks. Old Baptista (Jean Boht) appears on a scaffolding platform in a sumptuous robe; and then descends to stage level leaving the costume behind, like a piece of window dressing. There it remains irrelevantly until she next ascends the platform, by which time the joke is dead.

**Irving Wardle**

### Concert

## Academy of London/ Stamp

Queen Elizabeth Hall

A welcome guest with the Academy of London on Monday was Gundula Janowitz, whose familiar operatic soprano partook instead of two Bach cantatas, including the captivating "Wedding" Cantata, *Weichet nur*.

Her voice has kept a wonderfully youthful freshness and radiance of tone, making it ideally suited to the lightness of phrase and spirit that sets off the charm of the words, and with a warmth of feeling in the five linked arias that was totally engaging.

In this, she had distinctive support from the beautifully poised oboe playing of Sarah Francis, as merry and beguiling as could be wished, and comparable style from the solo violin of Pauline Lowbury and the flexible continuo cello of Melissa Phelps. The last named made a persuasive case for the cello line in the second aria rather than the bassoon sometimes preferred, and Richard Stamp's conducting kept the ensemble playing buoyant and dance-like.

For the Cantata No 140, *Wachet auf*, the soprano was joined in the symbolic duets of spiritual yearning by Ralph Kohn, whose baritone sounded uncertain of pitch at the start and somewhat less than persuasive in the consolatory assurance he is supposed to convey. As a passionate duet between Christ and the Soul, it was surprisingly tentative on his part, but the Academy of London Choir benefited from the conductor's moderate choice of tempi and rhythmic concern.

In the Requiem by Fauré that formed the second part, it was a matter for regret that Miss Janowitz had no more to sing than the angelic "Pie Jesu", so serene yet eloquent was the beauty of her vocal line. Again the baritone solos were undersung, but it was rewarding to hear the choral passages from an ensemble small in numbers (less than 30 voices) but firm and well-blended, and conducted with sensitivity.

**Noël Goodwin**



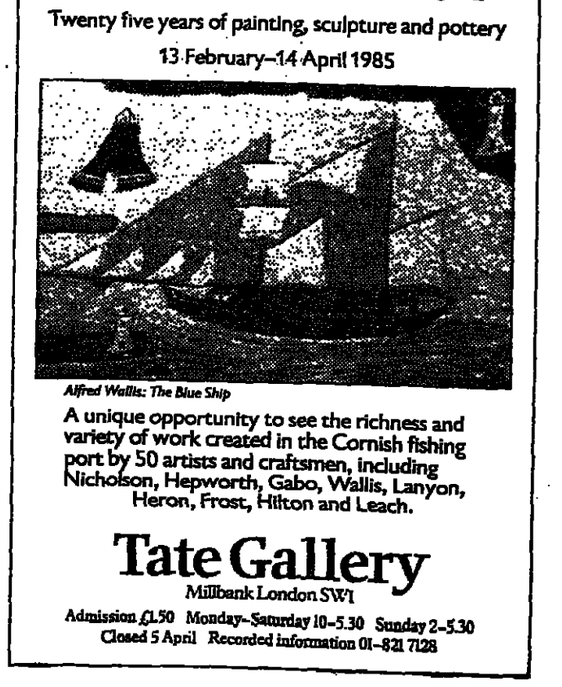










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# Taking the alternative road to health



Paula Youens

A group of practitioners representing the major disciplines in alternative medicine – acupuncture, chiropractic, homeopathy, medical herbalism, naturopathy and osteopathy – began meeting two years ago, to discuss how best to set up an umbrella organization. One of their problems was: what should be their relationship with the medical profession?

Would they continue to be "alternative", perhaps to the point of rivalry? Or should they be, as Prince Charles and some therapists preferred, "complementary"? Eventually the group opted for both; last week the Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine was launched, with Lord Home of the Hirsel (whose daughter is an acupuncturist) metaphorically breaking the champagne bottle over its bow.

But can these therapies still be described as alternative to orthodox medicine? To find out, *The Times* and the Koestler Foundation commissioned a survey of general practitioners' attitudes from Taylor Nelson which used a nationally representative sample of 108 GPs.

The main questions asked were designed to elicit how many GPs accepted the value of alternative therapies (or at least some of them); whether they practised any of the therapies themselves; whether they would refer patients to alternative therapists; and so on. The replies indicate, among other things, that a higher proportion of GPs actually practise one or more of the therapies than has been thought; that many GPs refer patients to doctors who use them, or to alternative therapists; and, still more surprisingly, a far higher proportion received treatment from one or other of the alternatives – 26 per cent of our sample.

To continue to regard the alternatives *as* alternative, in other words – as the British Medical Association and the medical journals have done – is, in effect, to accuse a substantial minority of GPs of a secular form of heresy. And the replies to a question put to GPs who do not practise alternative therapy, "would you like to?" reveal that a majority – 57 per cent – *would* like to (acupuncture, hypnotherapy and osteopathy are particularly popular choices).

On balance, it is the younger GPs (those qualifying in 1970 and after) who are most interested: a confirmation of research carried out two years ago by David Taylor Reilly, with a group of 100 GP trainees. The results, published in the *British Medical Journal* (30 July, 1983), showed that 18 already used at least one alternative therapy, and no fewer than 70 would like to have training in one or more. 22 either had been treated, or had treated themselves, with an alternative therapy. Those from the North and Scotland were the most sceptical.

Our questionnaire also enquired about satisfaction levels. Of GPs who used, or referred patients to, alternative therapies, more than 50 per cent of those using acupuncture and osteopathy expressed themselves "very or quite satisfied". 18 out of 34 were very or quite satisfied with chiropractic; 21 out of 39 were very or quite satisfied with meditation/relaxation.

What, then, are the implications for the medical profession?

The committee set up by the British Medical Association is still at work. It was announced hard on the heels of Prince Charles's valedictory message as its President, encouraging the profession to take account of "those sometimes long neglected complementary methods of medicine", and its report, originally promised for next month, is now not expected until the summer. Evidently its members are finding their task more difficult than they anticipated.

This is not surprising, as a number of them began with preconceptions which some are beginning to modify. For example, they began with a clear preference, among all the alternative therapies, for osteopathy. "It seems likely", Dr John Dawson, a member of the committee, said at the British Association for the Advancement of Science symposium on the subject last autumn, that "osteopathy as a therapy will have to be taken seriously in the report we produce" – the clear implication being that many of the others were unlikely to be so regarded.

One of the findings from our survey is that although such a surprisingly high proportion of GPs are now beginning to take the therapies seriously enough to use them (and to be treated by them) widespread ignorance remains about most of them.

Incredibly, although three of the GPs actually practised "healing" – psychic or spiritual, four out of ten GPs appear to have been unaware of its existence. Yet healing is by far the most widely practised of all the alternatives. There are an estimated 7,000 healers in the country – though the exact figure cannot be obtained, because so many do not practise professionally. Fifteen GPs in the sample knew of the Alexander Technique, which along with reflexology, medical radiesthesia and clinical ecology scored lowest in the "awareness" category.

The attitude of the Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine is that the BMA is the wrong organization to hold a committee of enquiry. It is the doctors' trade union, and as such can hardly claim to give, or even be expected to give, an impartial verdict. As John Dawson in fact admitted, at the British Association meeting, it was "probable that we will reject the philosophical basis" of alternatives such as reflexology, whose methods of diagnosis do not reveal to the medically trained mind "a rational coherent idea of what's wrong".

The willingness (as shown in our survey) of so many GPs to accept the value of alternative therapies is making any such rejection hard to sustain. But in any case, the main philosophical basis – holism, the desirability of treating the person, rather than the symptons – is theoretically at least, the philosophical basis of orthodox medicine. It is something medical students used to be taught, until the pharmaceutical revolution appeared to render it irrelevant. Under the illusion that they are practising holistic medicine, doctors do not realize how far removed their practice has in fact become; only 3 per cent of the sample of GPs thought that holism is an area of medicine that needs to be developed.

A growing number of GPs are opting for "alternatives" because they find that conventional forms of treatment, drugs in particular, are not appropriate for the needs of their patients – or because their patients do not find them satisfactory. It seems certain that this trend will continue. As the majority of patients will remain on the GP's list, he will not be deprived of his capitation fee if they go to an acupuncturist or osteopath.

In ordinary circumstances, the Department of Health and Social Security would by now have felt compelled to intervene on the public's behalf, to regulate this new growth industry. But in the House of Lords last week the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Lord Glenarthur, rejected the idea in a speech repeating almost every known BMA cliché. Medical care, he asserted, is too important to be dealt with "purely on the basis of unsupported claims".

He went further; "the proponents of a particular therapy need to be able to demonstrate beyond doubt the efficacy of their treament". Are those doctors who use the therapies not just heretics, but betrayers of their patients' trust? The hard fact is that GPs do not pay much attention to proofs of the efficacy of treatment – from drug trials, for example, brand drugs continue to be prescribed in spite of the evidence that they are no better than their generic equivalents.

Off the record, spokesmen for the DHSS make no secret of the real reason for its refusal to admit alternative therapies (except as professions supplementary to medicine, which it knows the therapists will not accept). The one absolutely firm departmental commitment at the moment is to incur no new expense. Alhough alternative medicine would be much cheaper in the long run the immediate cost of admission would be alarming.

This is why it has been left to the Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine to form its own organization, aiming to "set its house in order" – as editorials in medical journals have so often urged – by laying down standards of education, training, qualification and discipline, for the public's protection.

For the present, its 1,250 members belong to only eight of the alternative therapy organizations: and two important ones, the British School of Osteopathy and the Society of Osteopaths, have held aloof, but the assumption is that if the CCAM can establish itself as an effective spokesman for the alternative, others will set *their* houses in order (too often in the past, an enthusiasm to recruit therapists has led to slipshod standards) and qualify to join.

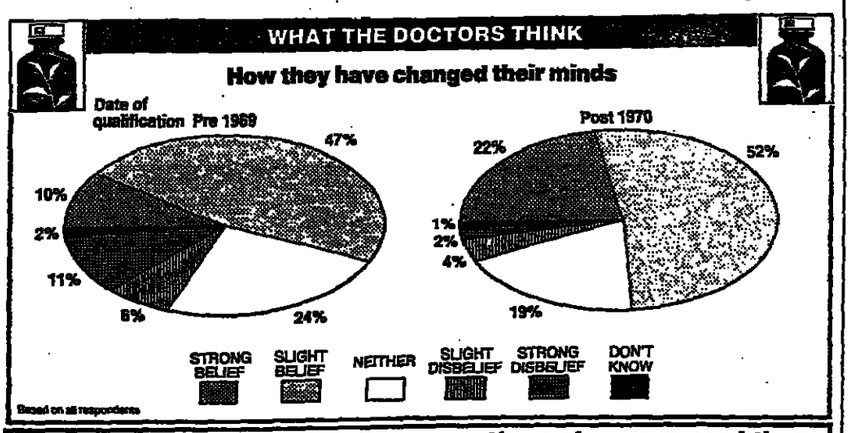
The BMA committee's delay in reaching an agreed report may turn out to have been useful, if it can now take this development into account. It was set up to look at alternative therapies, primarily to decide what research is needed if they are ever to be accepted. Its members must now realise that the medical profession has been overtaken by events: GPs are not waiting for the starting gun.

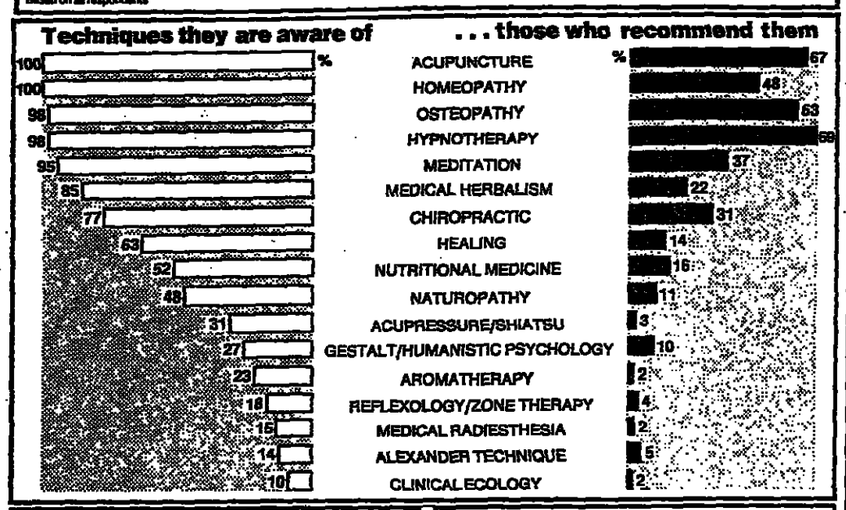
At present there is nothing to stop a GP experimenting on his patients – manipulating their backs, sticking needles into them, recommending homoeopathic or herbal remedies – with no training at all, or with very little. Not long ago a medical journal actually published an account by a GP of how, following a weekend course in acupuncture, he was trying it out on his patients.

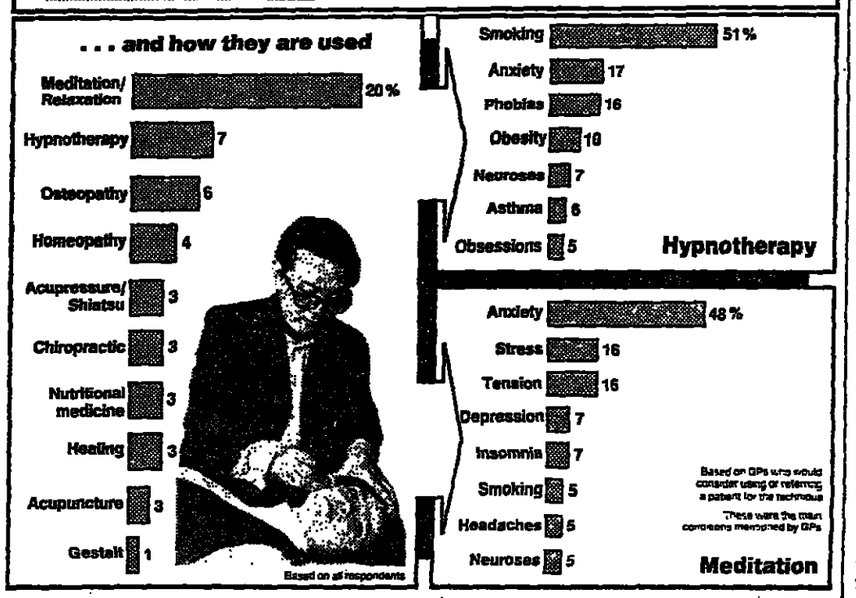
Perhaps the General Medical Council should exercise its disciplinary authority over GPs who wish to practise alternative therapies. They could be permitted to do so only if they fulfil the same criteria that would secure them admission to membership of the CCAM.

**Ruth West and Brian Inglis**

Duncan Stewart




## THE EXPERT VIEW

**Alternative medicine is a confusing term. In both orthodox and unorthodox medicine there are treatments of proven or unproven value. One of the great attractions of so-called "alternative" medicine is that its practitioners spend a great deal of time listening to their customers – which traditional medicine should also be doing. The results of this survey are not surprising. The finding that half of the GPs either practised or would like to practise acupuncture, hypnotherapy or osteopathy shows their open-mindedness. The scepticism of doctors in Scotland may reflect their own and their patients' wish for scientific evaluation of all untried treatments.**

*Professor Ian McColl, Guy's Hospital*

**These findings illustrate that general practitioners do not have a closed mind to alternative therapies and explain why the BHMA has received the support it has. It will be interesting to place this finding alongside the forthcoming report by the BMA, which has not included a general practitioner on its committee. It is also comforting to know that this finding has been anticipated by the British Postgraduate Medical Federation. This body now recognizes the importance of providing educational activities for doctors eager to learn about an holistic approach to patient care. The term "alternative" longer is relevant to the description of these therapies.**

*Dr Patrick Pietroni, Chairman, British Holistic Medical Assoc.*

# Carrott in search of theatrical roots

It is typical of Jasper Carrott that he managed to be out of the country when it was announced last week that he was temporarily foresaking the stand-up comic routine which has earned him about a million pounds, awards and an adoring, if somewhat "cult", following. From April 15 until July 6, he will tour Britain in his first stage role, as star of *The Nerd*, a comedy which relies more than most on the ability of the central character.

Instead of indulging in the normal showbiz frolic of self-congratulatory hype, he did the next worst thing. He authorized his manager's assistant, Les Ward, to release two bleak sentences to an anxious world. "I am looking forward to what is a very interesting challenge with great enthusiasm. I'm sure I'm going to learn a lot from this tour." It was the sort of schmaltz which Carrott the comedian would have satirized with voracious relish. "He is", admitted Les, "a bit cagey about what he says".

The dour neurotic who overcomes his problems by masquerading as a comedian is an entertainment cliché of considerable banality. Luckily, Carrott in person exhibits few of the symptoms. It is just that he is a most unlikely star who insists he found fame by accident and doesn't want the false glitter it can bestow.

Pale, balding and middle aged – he was 40 last month – he is diffident and refuses to seek publicity. He lives quietly with his wife, Hazel, and their four children in a suburb of Birmingham.

"I want to be anonymous. The less people know about me, the better. Then they can judge the comedy by itself without worrying about where I stand on issues and who I am. I feel uncomfortable with adulation. Hand on heart, every time I perform it is a big event to me and I never think any audience will be easy."

Last year, he travelled incognito to the United States to seek a second dose of fame and fortune. At two o'clock one morning he found himself "starring" at the comedy room of Caesar's Palace in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, in front of an audience of about a dozen indifferent gamblers.

"I blew it, and 'died' in front of them – which is a most unpleasant experience. I talked for about 20 minutes, instead of the usual 45, and then left the stage. It was really humbling after playing to packed auditoriums in England, but it is probably good for the soul. Anyone can make mistakes, but you are stupid only if you don't learn from them."

His real name is Bob Davies, but he was called Jasper at school for no real reason, and added Carrott when he was 17.

His father, who died 12 years ago, was an engineer with a penchant for unusual get-rich-quick ideas. "He bought 10,000 street lamp covers from the council, which might seem crazy to anyone else, but they had a purpose to my dad. He was lonely, and I have probably inherited that element from him. I tend to be a loner."

When he was 25 he borrowed £50 from a friend and opened a folk club in Solihull called The Boggery. "I wanted to be an impresario but the agency petered out after three years. I played a guitar and told stories in clubs just to try to keep it going. When I was 30 there was a crisis point. I thought, "God, I'm old, I haven't made it, and it's downhill from here". Four months later, I had a hit record (*Funky Moped*) and it all started.

He decided to try his luck in America because he considers he is a product of their stand-up humour. "I knew Tom Lehrer's albums backwards and then I got into Shelley Berman, Bill Cosby and Bob Newhart. I love that style of raconteur delivery and have never fitted into the main stream of comedy in Britain because I don't go with the tits and bums thing.



**"You have to work twice as hard on the stage to stand still"**

"Before I accepted any paid work in America I did a lot of 'open mike' nights where a couple of dozen comics do ten minute turns, hoping to be discovered. In Los Angeles the competition is so intense – about 1,000 working comedians compared to about 50 in London – that you even have to audition to see if you are good enough to work free.

"I was paranoid about failure and felt that I had a right to do it privately. You know that you can always fail. A singer can't really fail, because people will always applaud. If a comedian doesn't get a laugh – that's it.

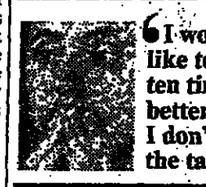
"The first mistake I made in America was that I thought I could go out and be lousy. But you *dare* not fail. One bad show and it goes around like wild fire – even if you are doing it free. In the end it went very well. On my last trip I did paid gigs – about £30 a night.

"I think I was accepted quickly because I suddenly confronted them with a heritage – raconteuring – that they were no longer doing. Intense competition and fear has forced them to abandon subtlety. The idea is to get to the big gag lines, have 'em laughing immediately and be funny for five or six minutes. There is no time to develop.

It took him some time to accept the challenge of acting on stage. "I left *Carrott's Lib* and jumped in at the deep end. But no matter what level of success you achieve – bam, it's all in the past and you can't do it again. So you have to work twice as hard just to stand still. Television is an awkward medium which has to be approached for what it is – two dimensional, and in people's front rooms. I would like to be topical, but it is a tremendous problem to put together 40 minutes every week. I am one of those terrible wishy washy people who sees all sides and I have to gulp hard if I meet someone I have had a go at."

The relatively safe cocoon of a stage may be comforting – for a while.

**Andrew Duncan**

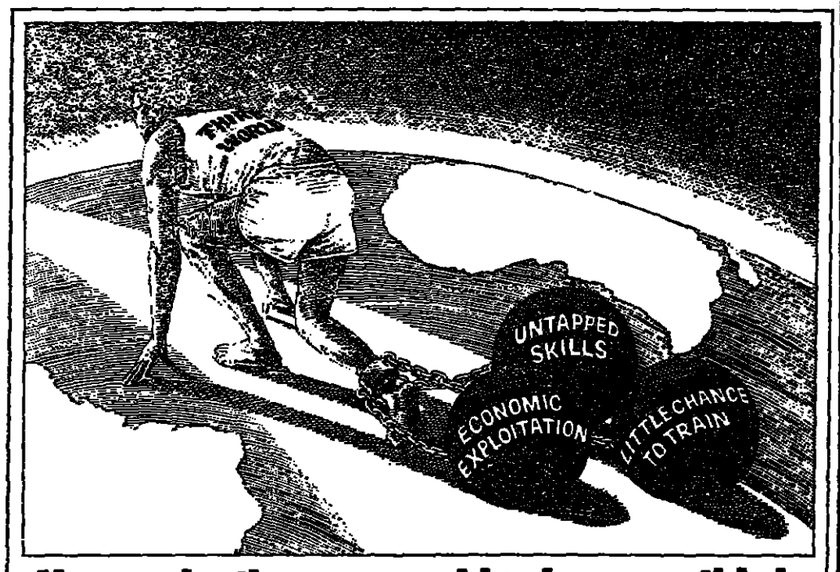


**"I would like to be ten times better but I don't have the talent"**

His anecdotal style, in which stories spiral off into elaborate subplots, relies to a large extent on mimicry combined with extraordinary facial expressions – pop-eyed bewilderment and chinless incomprehension – as well as a certain cosy conspiracy with his audience.

"I've always been a reluctant performer and I am totally disatisfied with everything", says Carrott. "I would like to be about ten times better than I am, but I know I don't have the talent. I am asked to do a lot of work just because of my name – and I turn it down because I couldn't do it justice."

He was born and brought up in Birmingham, left Moseley Grammar School at 16 with five "O" levels, and his first job was selling toothpaste for dentures.


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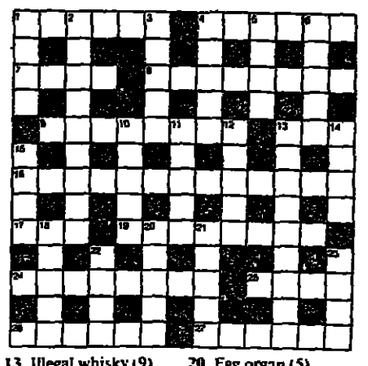
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# Mistress of the bed chamber

**What makes women's bedrooms such fascinating places? Elizabeth Dickson, whose new book pulls back the bed covers on such names as Zandra Rhodes and the Countess of Lichfield, explained all to Alan Franks from her own bedroom**

Pete Addis



In the master bedroom: Elizabeth Dickson reclining at home

Not long after arriving at Elizabeth Dickson's nice little house in west London, I demanded to be taken to her bedroom. She moved from the stripped pine kitchen across the pale Amtico tiling of the hall and began to mount the stairs. With one bound I was at her side.

A sharp February light was lancing in from above the roofs of the opposite terrace, white as icing on the fresh lace curtains and the tablecloth bedspread. The floor was richly decked with Persian rugs; the Dolcis-era doors of the built-in wardrobe unit were shut fast against the intruder's gaze, as if to disclaim the yellowing wallpaper within – the poor taste of an earlier occupant.

The usual junk of the bedroom had been hurriedly (or carefully?) dismissed beneath the room's central piece of furniture. An ancient Adler typewriter lay at rest on a miniature table from a previous residence in Edinburgh. It was early afternoon and the teenage children were not yet home. Our reporter made his excuses and stayed.

It was, after all, a routine business call, for Mrs Dickson has just edited a book called *The Englishwoman's Bedroom**, and must have guessed that her own sleeping quarters would be one of the first subjects for inspection. She yielded to my demand with not the semblance of bad grace.

> **Emotional and passionate hearths are frozen almost to still-lifes**

Quite rightly, for she has recently spent several months of her life doing the same to – and the time has come to drop names – such as Princess Nicholas von Preussen, Lady Annabel Goldsmith, the Duchess of Beaufort, and Jean Shrimpton.

*Collections such as this must* and will invite facetiae – particularly from the unfair sex – at a time when the publishing industry is so immersed in domestic settings, whether kitchens, gardens, kitchen gardens or outdoor toilets in the Cotswolds. The fact is that, no matter how a household has gerry mandered the boundaries, a dining-room is where you go to dine, a bathroom is where you go to bath, and a bedroom is where you go not just to sleep.

Mrs Dickson's 26 subjects, winnowed down from a short-list of three times that number, have prepared for her arrival, *just as she did for mine, and* just as housewives are said to do for the visit of the domestic help.

In other words, when someone comes to do business with your privacy, the tendency is to present that privacy in its least abandoned light. What we have here therefore is a series of women's bedrooms (note they are not couples' bedrooms even though most of the subjects have partners) in which the camera has suspended the life in the interests of sustaining the conception. The rooms have been rendered back into immaculate confections – even Dr Christina Carritt's bedroom-cum-surgery. Emotional and passionate hearths are frozen almost to still-life studies.

This is not quite the criticism it sounds. Firstly, the photographs by Lucinda Lambton are superbly composed and lit and catch each shade and facet of *some very intricate decors*, from journalist Sarah Forbes's studio flat to the novelist Lisa St Aubin de Terán's pre-Rabhaelite folly in the Norfolk fens. Secondly, if as Mrs Dickson suggests, reticence is an important characteristic of the Englishwoman (whoever she *may* be), *then for their bed*rooms to be presented otherwise would itself be a form of deception.

The book begins to make sense only when one reads the accompanying accounts by the occupants. Again they are, on the surface, formal and rather stand-backish affairs, full of laundered privacies and the modesty of good breeding. Yet just when the temptation is strongest to dismiss the whole thing as another vacuous exercise for the coffee table, there emerges a string of eloquent revelations about what Laurence Durrell would call the spirit of place; in these instances it has much to do with the recollection of childhood through the domestic landscape, and with the adult's wish either to perpetuate or override that recall.

The Countess of Lichfield, for example: "As a child I spent quite a lot of time in London in Bourdon House, Bond Street, which is now Malletts. It was a labyrinth of dark and narrow 18th-century passages which were curtained with red and white striped damask that waved in the draughts, and my bedroom then was a tall slit *with a high window to the sky* surrounded by rather depressing pea-green curtains and an old grey carpet. My parents appeared to believe more in the functional aspect of a child's room than the look . . . for years it always seemed more of a

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banishment place, either for bad behaviour, or *having* to go to sleep.

"I think one should enjoy one's bedroom, because one spends so much time in it, and I have taken the trouble with our children's bedrooms for that reason."

Then there is the designer Zandra Rhodes, for whom fantasy is the guiding force. There she is, surrounded by ruched tulle over gold lamé in grotty North Kensington, with hidden mirrors throwing out "a wondrous pink glow to help my mood . . . although the total concept of the bedroom is one *of fantasy, the look of extravaganza* was achieved in a very down-to-earth way."

At first, Mrs Dickson denies that she is obsessed with bedrooms, although the weight of evidence is against her; six intense months of her life crammed with little else; even during a week's break in Tuscany she admits that whenever she passed a cottage in the countryside she was seized with the need to go in and inspect the bedroom. Asked why she did the book, she says: "Because I was asked to by Carmen Callil" (once of Virago, now of Chatto and Windus). "Being asked to by Carmen" is *sufficient cue* for most authors, but it doesn't account for the obsession.

Mrs Dickson is a willowy, rather mournful and (that word again) reticent woman with a broken marriage and a nomadic childhood as the only daughter of an admiral, "Berty" Dickson. Her book is surely the work of someone who for the formative years could feel at home only in other people's houses.

This memory, declared after literally hours of pondering the question, is strong testimony: "I can remember this attic bedroom in Somerset where I was staying with friends while I was waiting for school certificate results; and I sat there, and there were people playing tennis outside; there were, sagging bookshelves and faded chintz covers and small windows; and I was on the outside, observing other people's way of life. It was their place, and I was passing through. This book is, for me, a sort of final summary of that passing through."

This is the heart of the matter. Rooms, particularly intimate ones, are far more than interiors; they are accretions of the owner's past. Mrs Dickson herself seems to see her own youth almost entirely in terms of its lodgings; the eau-de-Nil passages of Scottish residential hotels, the steel-bedded dorms of the school on the borders, the quarters at Greenwich where you had to pass the quadrangle to get to the loo; the bullet-strafed door of a bedroom in wartime Athens.

*The wandering went on: nine* bed-sitters – "all straight out of Polanski" – and later, after her divorce, a bedroom with a hole in the ceiling.

Not surprisingly, the book is as much about fragments of lives told through the medium of rooms as it is about rooms described by the occupants. One of the strangest things is that there is not a single actress (unless you include the antique dealer Virginia Wetherell) to be found in these pages. Many were called – 18, in fact – but none would be chosen. How could this most demonstrative of professions suddenly turn coy about bedrooms? Mrs Dickson has no answers, and this time she is not being reticent.

**The Englishwoman's Bedroom* is published by Chatto and Windus on March 25 (£14.95).



Ladies' chambers: The bedrooms of (from left) Princess Nicholas von Preussen, Tessa Reay and Viscountess Astor

# Where is there hope at the chalk face?

FIRST PERSON

**Betty Rosen**

My teacher morale hit its highest spot one sunny August morning 25 years ago when my headmaster startled me, a raw recruit, by scuttling, pink and pleased across the school lawns to tell me what I had come to find out – my pupils' O-level results in English Language and English Literature.

In those days, when classroom achievement was for me largely synonymous with success in external examinations, an unfailingly appreciative and encouraging headmaster was enough to keep my professional spirits aglow. Even if such approval were forthcoming nowadays for what amounts to similar achievements in far more difficult circumstances – "then" was a comfortable, well-equipped, grammar school in rural England; "now" is an urban multi-ethnic boys' comprehensive under threat of closure – *it would be of only passing concern to me*: exam success becomes part of one's job, so one outgrows any sort of simplistic pride in it.

The fact is that classroom achievement now means a whole range of additional things: effectively setting up situations for productive talk and collaborative learning; winkling out each person's *individual* strength and building upon it; being amazed by the power of a child's ideas and use of words in written work which would not have materialized but for the stimulus of one's teaching; promoting a love of books; knowing that a newly-arrived, monolingual, Turkish speaker will not only progress by leaps and bounds in mainstream English lessons, but will contribute to the learning of others; ensuring that pupils' bilingualism or trilingualism is a source of admiration in the classroom, and so on.

But who cares? The public *has been shifted carefully to the* view that teachers are an inferior, undeserving, bunch. Local authority figures – officers, advisors, elected members – are right out of the Alec Clegg era and into the eighties: many don't want to go into classrooms or are too overworked to get there, so have become dangerously distanced from the chalk face.

The latest HMI document, *English 5-16*, was written by someone quite capable of stringing together a list of undifferentiated objectives, but who completely failed to cope with the guinea questions: Why are we *teaching English? How* should it be taught? Who are its recipients?

The last straw is provided, of course, by the Government. The cuts, rate capping and derisory salaries are bad enough; but Sir Keith's latest plans, delivered in his Chester speech on January 4 and familiar enough before that *date to TES readers, kicks at* the already beaten.

Headteachers, we learn, are now to fire as well as hire. Can your readers recall an article two or three years ago in the *TES* concerning the criteria by which heads are appointed? The research drew attention to one criterion that was conspicuously absent: skill in the classroom. Heads today – our captains of educational industry, the "managers" – would not only find it a tricky matter to recognize the sort of achievements I referred to earlier, which are essential for good classroom teaching, but might well not be remotely interested.

How can head "teachers" assess qualities they may have long forgotten themselves, or possibly never even have possessed if the research is to be believed? Who of any status is close enough to the reality of today's classroom to offer him acceptable advice? What advice *can Sir Keith give him? What is* a *bad* teacher?

It will be fine if the "bad teacher" is someone who arrives late, lets the children "copy out" or "colour in" or otherwise have a "free lesson", and is so absorbed in the mail or writing his letters of application at the front of the class that he doesn't see the headmaster coming – though no doubt the offender is fairly safe if he's on a Scale 3 or above.

Since Sir Keith's speech *The Times* has published an article by one Digby Anderson entitled "British Schools of Muddling". He hazards the suggestion that 76 per *cent of primary school*-teachers could well be "dud" (his term) and suggests that the teaching of reading and writing ought to be conducted on the same lines as the teaching of driving in driving schools – the faster and cheaper, the better.

There is no suggestion that a primary school has any other purpose but to teach these two skills, by implication comparable to skill in driving a car. How the sins of government manipulation of the media have come home to roost! We are no longer to face opposing, rational, argument, but straight doses of vitriol dealt against teachers by writers who are abysmally ignorant, yet are patronized by the most responsible, the most venerable, newspaper in the land!

Will someone tell me, please, where are the sources of hope?

# Flour power and the perfect pasta

The Times Cook

**Shona Crawford Poole**

*Mushroom ketchup is the* traditional English method of preserving the flavour of fungi for use beyond their seasons. In less damp climates than ours, drying is the preferred method of storing fungi of all kinds. Because dehydration concentrates and intensifies the flavour of many types of mushrooms they are particularly useful for stuffings and sauces.

Other fungi, like the Chinese wood ears and cloud ears, have different uses. These unprepossessing black curls swell many times more than other fungi when soaked in boiling water. In no time at all they turn into fragile looking frills, dark chestnut in colour and translucent. It is their colour and texture which are particularly attractive, and a few pence worth of these will add a touch of the exotic to many dishes. One or two pieces on the centre of a portion of home made ravioli stuffed with chicken and *porcini*, with a richly flavoured sauce, works well in terms of colour, flavour and texture.

**Chicken and mushroom ravioli**
*Serves four to six*

- 3 large eggs
- 310g (11oz) *strong flour*, preferably unbleached
- 1 teaspoon salt

**For the filling:**

- 15g (½oz) dried mushrooms *porcini*
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 110g (4oz) cooked chicken, minced or finely chopped
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Freshly grated nutmeg

**For the sauce:**

- 300ml (½ pint) good chicken stock
- 120ml (4 fl oz) double cream
- 1 egg yolk
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

To make pasta by hand, beat the eggs lightly in a small bowl. Sift the flour and salt on to a work surface. Make a well in the centre and add the eggs. Using one hand to beat the mixture, and the other to support the walls of flour until the eggs have been incorporated, work the eggs gradually into the flour to form a stiff dough. Knead the dough for about five minutes, or until it is smooth and elastic.

Using a food processor, pasta is simpler still. Fix the metal blade in the bowl, add the eggs and process them briefly. With the machine running, add the flour and salt through the feed-tube (use a sheet of paper to funnel them in). Continue processing until the dough forms a ball, and then for another minute to knead it. Keep the dough covered until you are ready to roll and fill it.

To make the filling, put the dried mushrooms in a bowl and cover them with 300ml (½ pint) of boiling water. Leave them to soak until tender. Drain the mushrooms, reserving the liquid, and wash them free of any grit. Chop them finely. Strain the liquid.

Heat the oil in a small pan and add the shallot. Cook on a low heat until it is tender but not browned. Add the chopped mushrooms and the chicken and cook the mixture for a few minutes to allow the flavours to blend. Season it well with salt, pepper and a little grated nutmeg. Bear in mind that the filling will be enclosed in bland pasta.

Roll out the dough thinly by hand, or using a mechanical *pasta rolling machine*.

Place small blobs of filling at regular 3.5cm (1¼ inch) intervals on one sheet of dough. Lay a second sheet of dough on top of the first. Press the two sheets of pasta together between the blobs of filling. Work out from the centre, trapping as little air as possible.

Use a knife or pastry wheel to cut the pasta into neat squares – each pillow of dough enclosing a morsel of filling. Lay the ravioli in a single layer on a tray dusted with semolina or on a lightly floured teacloth.

Home-made ravioli can be *cooked immediately or dried* for an hour or two before using. As fresh pasta takes only a few minutes to cook, the sauce can be made before cooking the ravioli.

To make the sauce, put the chicken stock and strained mushroom soaking liquid in a pan and reduce by fast boiling to about 120ml (4fl oz). Stir in two thirds of the cream and season the sauce to your taste. Mix the remaining cream with the egg yolk. Off the heat, stir the egg and cream liaison into the sauce. Then, making sure that from now on the sauce does not boil, heat it gently until the egg thickens it sufficiently to coat the back of a wooden spoon. Keep it warm.

To cook the pasta, bring a large pan of water to a brisk boil. Add salt and a tablespoon of oil. Drop in the pasta, bring the water back to the boil as quickly as possible and cook the ravioli until it is as tender as you like it. It should have a little bit of bite left. Drain it well and arrange the pillows of ravioli on serving plates. Pour a little of the sauce over each serving and serve at once.

A few pieces of rehydrated Chinese wood ear mushrooms look pretty on this dish. Freshly grated Parmesan cheese may be sprinkled on the ravioli if you like it.

The proportions of flour and egg in the pasta dough for this *ravioli produce a firm-textured* pasta with real character. The same dough can be used to make thick or thin ribbon noodles to serve as a first course with butter and Parmesan or in smaller quantities, as an accompaniment to breaded and fried escalopes of veal, chicken or turkey. A little fresh garlic crushed on to the escalopes before frying them and a wedge of lemon squeezed over them afterwards are good tastes which can stand repetition.

**Cheese and spinach ravioli**
*Serves four to six*

- 1 recipe pasta dough (see previous recipe)

**For the filling**

- 55g (2oz) blanched spinach, chopped
- 110g (4oz) fresh ricotta or curd cheese
- 30g (1oz) freshly grated parmesan
- 1 egg yolk
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Freshly grated nutmeg

Combine all the ingredients for the filling and mix them well, adjusting the seasoning to taste. Fill ravioli using the method described in the previous recipe. Cook the ravioli in boiling water and serve it with a little butter and freshly grated Parmesan.

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# THE TIMES DIARY

## The Tower for PHS?

The investigators of the investigators evidently do not appreciate investigation of their own affairs. Sir Edward Gardner, chairman of the Commons home affairs committee, has reported me to the Speaker for disclosing details last week of the anodyne draft report of the committee's inquiry into the Special Branch. Yesterday the Speaker said he would allow a debate on the matter today. If the motion is carried, the committee of privileges will sit in judgment.

## Drinks on tap

The bath oil I massaged in this morning should take on a different meaning from now on: the stuff is manufactured by Anita Roddick of The Body Shop who, if my predictions are correct, will win the Business Woman of the Year Award, to be announced in London today. As I nominated her, a case of champagne will be mine, courtesy of the award sponsors Veuve Clicquot, if she wins.

● **Mrs Thatcher, David Owen and Neil Kinnock were not short of reading matter on their flight to Moscow yesterday. David Steel came on board clutching four advance copies of his new book on the Scottish Border country and presented one to each of them.**

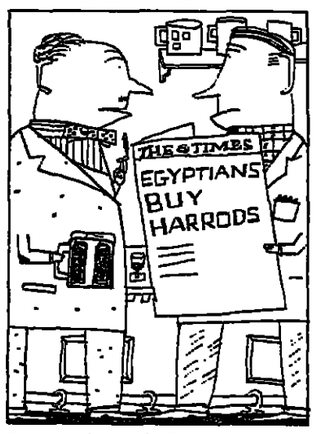
## Flag pole

When the Poles saw the stars and stripes at half-mast over the American embassy in Moscow some hours before the official Kremlin announcement of Chernenko's death, they thought the CIA must have some advance knowledge. Not so, it transpired. The flag was simply mourning the death of two American officials killed in Mexico. Realizing the confusion, the embassy hastily hauled up the flag, and is now mourning no one at all.

## Telecomic

Housewife-entrepreneur Valerie Stafford of Hanwell in London is losing no time capitalizing on the phasing-out of red telephone boxes over the next decade. British Telecom sells them as they become available for between £100 and £200. Mrs Stafford, however, has tapped a secret supply from BT and is reselling them at £450. "I've converted my own into a conservatory," she told me. Ten minutes later she rang back. "I've just had a word with my daughter and I think I should tell you the whole truth. I'm putting garden gnomes in it and calling it a Gnome Home," she blurted out.

BARRY FANTONI




**'I hope we're not in for another spate of pyramid selling'**

## Rich soil

It is not the answers given but the questions asked in *The Field's* latest readership survey that speak volumes about the magazine. A four-page questionnaire asks if you own "two or more estates", your total acreage (1-250? 251-1000? 1001-5000? 5000+?), if you own your own fishing, the number of horses you keep ("20 or more?"), how many children you are educating privately under the age of four, how many four-wheel-drive cars you have and the number of other residences you own ("not time share"). I don't know why they bother asking if you read the *Daily Mirror*.

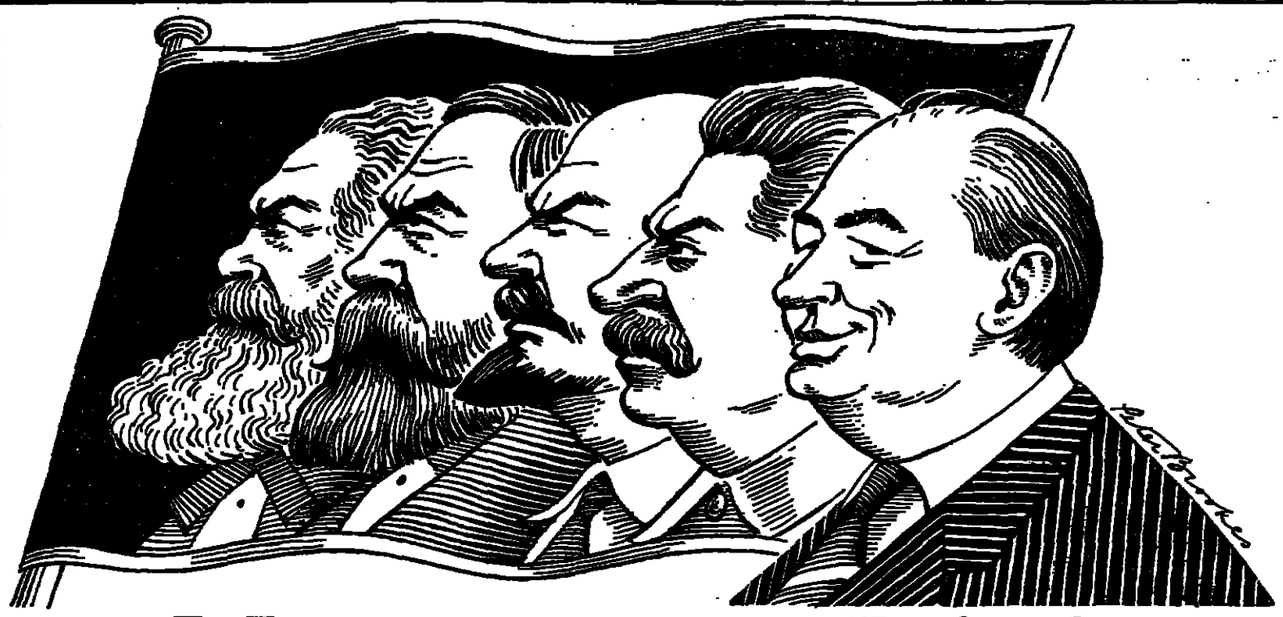
## Machine minder

With memories still fresh of last year's uncanny press predictions of the Budget, the Treasury this year is taking no chances. Before using the photocopier in the Budget Unit, civil servants have to report to a paper monitor who issues individually numbered sheets of copy paper and marks the user's name against a list.

## Highbrow beaten

Last week David Gothard, sacked artistic director of the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith, told me that the GLC saw him as "elitist". Stung into a reply, GLC arts chairman Peter Pitt told councillors: "The GLC's record shows that Mr Gothard's statements are totally false." Funny, I've just received a confidential GLC "briefing note" that clearly states: "Many would see the Riverside as very much a 'high art establishment', far removed from the centre of the GLC's arts policies . . . The GLC does not find the present artistic policy wholly acceptable." And another thing, it goes on, only two out of the 38 staff are black.

**PHS**



# My message to Britain

## By Mikhail Gorbachov

The Soviet people remember the ties between our peoples in the most devastating war of all time. They remember how more than 40 years ago a British prime minister presented the people of Stalingrad with an honorary sword, a symbol of close cooperation between the Soviet and British people in the anti-Hitler coalition. We think that all the good, fruitful and constructive things that our countries and peoples have acquired and accumulated in their relations over various historical periods should be carefully preserved and carried on.

In the 1970s Europe became a cradle for the policy of détente. Important areas of cooperation between the countries of Western Europe, the Soviet Union and other socialist countries were found and fixed at that time. We still believe that there is and can be no rational alternative to the policy of peaceful coexistence, and I would like to emphasize this point with all certainty.

The natural question arising from the aforesaid is why the danger of war so effectively forced back at that time has drawn closer once again? I would like to repeat the Soviet view that the turn for the worse – and this is confirmed by the facts – was caused by the changes in the policies of certain forces which have been trying to gain military superiority and thereby gain an opportunity to dictate their will to others.

We see our goal in joint settlement, since no one is in a position to do it single-handed, of the more important problems which are essentially common for us. These are preventing war, stopping the arms race and proceeding to disarmament, settling existing and averting potential conflicts and crises and creating an international atmosphere which would enable each country to concentrate its attention and resources on settling its own problems.

If Britain adheres to this line, we will be glad to cooperate with her. And if the US sticks to this line, too, and really puts its policy on the track of peaceful cooperation, it will find a reliable partner in ourselves. Preventing a nuclear war is the most burning issue for all people. It goes without saying that the questions of defence and security must be decided by sovereign states by themselves. But I might state that any concrete step towards removing the threat of a nuclear war anywhere, Europe included, will find a corresponding practical response on our part.

It is true, of course, that not infrequently the positions of the Soviet Union and Great Britain differ on crucial international matters. Neither we, nor you, would hide this fact. But it is our deep conviction that at the present time, more than ever before, all countries and peoples need constructive dialogue and a search for solutions to the key international issues; we need spheres of accord to be found which could promote confidence among regions and create such an atmosphere in international relations as would be free from a nuclear threat, hostility, suspicion, fear and enmity.

My country has set forth its attitude in plain and unambiguous terms: tension should be overcome and disagreements and disputes resolved at the negotiating table, with due consideration for the legitimate interests, of each side rather than through the threat or use of force; and interference in internal affairs should be excluded.

The Soviet leadership stands for forthright and honest talks to help us, on a mutually acceptable basis, limit and reduce arms, primarily nuclear weapons, and eventually eliminate them. We are ready to go here as far as our Western partners in the talks. Naturally enough, equality and equal security shall underlie any agreements in this field. And, of course, any course that seeks military superiority over the USSR and its allies is unacceptable and has no prospects.

Going back over 60 years, the history of Soviet-British relations contains unforgettable landmarks. Since the war we have seen both years of fruitful cooperation and slump. Nowadays the relations between our countries, which develop not in a political vacuum, but in the anxious atmosphere of growing danger of a nuclear war, are not on the upgrade and are far from ideal. At one time Britain ranked first in trade with the USSR. It has now gone to seventh or eighth place. I agree with those British businessmen and industrialists who say that politics must promote trade which, in turn, must facilitate mutual understanding and confidence.

The foreign policy of a nation is inseparable from developments on its domestic scene, from its socio-economic goals and requirements. Our party and state in general emphasize economic advance through efficiency and intensive growth factors. We concentrate on the early introduction of the latest achievements of science and engineering in industry and agriculture. Using the fruits of the current revolution in science and technology, we are tackling targets to be reached by the year 2000.

The Soviet Union needs peace to implement its huge development programmes. Allow me to express the Soviet people's most sincere wishes of peace, happiness and prosperity to the people of Britain.

*Extracted from a speech to the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons, December 18.*

Robert Fisk on the local roots of Lebanon's Shia fundamentalists

# Tripped up by a homespun iron thread

**Tyre, southern Lebanon**

On the eve of his murder in Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon last week, Khalil Jeradi, the Lebanese guerrilla resistance movement's diminutive but powerful local commander, turned to me and uttered a terrible, almost prophetic warning. He talked in a strange high-pitched but slow voice. "I assure you," he said, "that Israel will not be able to crush the people of southern Lebanon. They are more powerful than the Israelis. The fingers of the people of southern Lebanon are between Israel's teeth. Both sides are biting. Who will scream first?"

There was no doubt who Jeradi believed would bite hardest. In the space of just over two years, the raging guerrilla force from one of the world's weakest nations has launched a ferocious offensive on what was supposed to be one of the world's most formidable armies. Locked into a savage conflict with tens of thousands of civilians as well as guerrillas, the Israeli army is now experiencing the first defeat of its existence, a tactical and strategic retreat from one of the greatest military blunders in recent Middle East history.

Academics, especially in Israel and the United States, like to attribute Shia Muslim radicalism in southern Lebanon to some form of revolutionary inspiration from Iran, as if Ayatollah Khomeini exerted a physical power over this region. They ignore the fact that this radicalism was partly created by Israel, indeed most recently by the misbehaviour of Israeli soldiers and Shin Bet agents against Shia Muslim civilians. Even more seriously, however, they ignore the fact that the Iranian revolution did not begin in Qom or in the streets of Tehran. It began in southern Lebanon itself.

Over the homes deliberately destroyed by the Israeli soldiers in raids on south Lebanese villages, there now inevitably hang portraits of Imam Moussa Sadr, the Shia Muslim cleric who once led the "deprived" poor of southern Lebanon and who disappeared in Libya in 1978. Moussa Sadr has become a legend now, almost a Twelfth Imam, a bearded figure of quasi-Arthurian stature who leads his people more powerfully in death than he ever did in life. Colonel Gaddafi probably had him put to death. But to the Shias of southern Lebanon, he is still alive.

More importantly, he was not Lebanese, as the world seems to believe. He was an Iranian and was born in Qom. Even more crucially, he was the key link between the Iranian opposition to the Shah and the Ayatollah Khomeini when the latter was enduring his angry exile in the Iraqi city of Najaf.

Moussa Sadr lived in Tyre. His sister, Raban, married Hussein Chareseddin, from one of the most prominent Lebanese Shia families in the city. And to Tyre, in the grey days of opposition, came almost all the figures who were to be, after 1979, the kingmakers and spiritual leaders of Iran. To Moussa Sadr's Jebel Amel College outside the city came Mehdi Bazargan, who was to be Khomeini's first prime minister, Bazargan's deputy, Sadeq Tabatabai – still one of Khomeini's closest aides – came here each year. So did Ayatollah Mohamed Beheshti, later to become leader of the Islamic Republican Party and Iranian minister of justice.

Indeed, Mustapha Chamran, the bearded and enigmatic Iranian who was to become Khomeini's minister of defence, was one of the founders of the Jebel Amel College and taught there for several years. One of his pupils was a young electrical engineering student called Mohamed Saad who, years later, was to be Khalil Jeradi's leading explosives expert in the anti-Israeli resistance movement. Jeradi and Saad both attended prayers at the same mosque as Beheshti. So did many other Lebanese teenagers from the villages around Tyre.

Thus Jeradi and Saad and their colleagues grew up amid the conspiracy of revolution. For many people in southern Lebanon, it was Israel itself that finally brought two doctrinal national revolutions together when its army raided the Jebel Amel College. Many reports spoke afterwards of the beating of pupils by Israeli soldiers. One of the students, Hassan Qassir, enraged by what had happened, drove an explosive-laden car into an Israeli army vehicle.

The bomb that blew up the guerrilla headquarters in Maarake nine days ago, killing Saad as well as Jeradi, has added them to the list of Shia Muslim "martyrs". Their guerrilla movement includes the clergy and their struggle against the Israelis is now as ostensibly implacable as was Iran's against the Shah. For the first time, the Israelis have embarked on a war that appears to have no end.

And so, in the last months of Israel's disastrous war in Lebanon, its army is trapped. All the accoutrements of a brutal police state now exist in Israel's occupied southern Lebanon area. There are midnight arrests, hooding of prisoners, repeated reports of serious beatings at Israeli intelligence headquarters. There are killings and curfews and reprisal raids on civilian homes and a total Israeli military ban on independent press coverage of the war. The parallel with Afghanistan is not exact – but it is frightening.

Perhaps those in Israel who still believe they are fighting "terrorism" in Lebanon – a word that is almost a punctuation mark in their statements and is now applied almost exclusively by Israel to Lebanese guerrillas resisting a foreign occupation army on their own soil – occasionally remember Macbeth's despairing assessment that he was in blood stepp'd in so far that returning were as tedious as go o'er.

Certainly the Shia Muslim resistance would approve of such sentiments. They helped to give birth to them in Iran. And now, as the Israeli army tries to withdraw, they are waiting to see who screams first, just as Khomeini once did when he waited for another of the Middle East's formidable armies to give way.

# Put out more flags for this little lot

British book-lovers have a last chance this month to prevent Austin, Texas, becoming the home of every last manuscript of the novels of Evelyn Waugh.

The manuscript of *Vile Bodies* in Waugh's hand, the only one of his novel scripts still remaining outside the Humanities Research Center of the University of Texas at Austin, comes up for sale at Christie's on March 27.

The manuscript is much more than a bibliophile's investment opportunity. Its condition sheds great light on the curiously split character of a much-loved English novel. Waugh began *Vile Bodies* – which he described to Harold Acton as "a welter of sex and snobbery written simply in the hope of selling some copies" – early in 1929 while on a belated honeymoon cruise with his wife. It was to be a lighthearted tale of the Bright Young People. The manuscript title-page bears an epigraph in Waugh's hand: "Bright young people and others, kindly note that all characters are wholly imaginary (and you get far too much publicity already, whoever you are)."

Examination of the manuscript indicates that he wrote the first two chapters while on the cruise. Pages 1 to 18 are written on standard cream-coloured foolscap with no traces of folding, suggesting that he carried them back with him to be typed. Chapter Two ends, suitably, with the return of the hero, Adam Fenwick-Symes, a young novelist, to London.

The next section, pages 19 to 51, is written on different paper – grey-blue lined foolscap, each page headed with the initials EW embossed in blue. These pages bear heavy traces of folding, indicating that Waugh wrote them while staying at the Abingdon Arms at Beckley, Oxfordshire, and posted them to his typist. The section ends at Chapter Five with, perhaps significantly in view of what was to occur in Waugh's personal life, an unsatisfactory first sexual encounter between Adam and his girlfriend, Nina Blount:

"Anyway, you've had some fun out of it, haven't you . . . [*Nina says to Adam*] or haven't you?"

"Haven't *you*?"

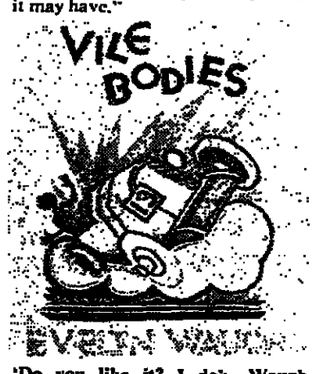
"My dear, I never hated anything so much in my life."

On July 9 Waugh received a letter from his wife (known by his friends as She-Evelyn), whom he had left in their London house, 17a Canonbury Square, with Nancy Mitford for company, telling him that she had fallen in love with one of their friends, John Heygate. On July 12 he went up to London for a confrontation with his wife. She confessed that she and Heygate had been lovers; nevertheless there was a reconciliation on the understanding that she would give up Heygate.

Some time later that month, Waugh returned to Beckley to go on with the novel. On August 1 he arrived at the Canonbury Square house to find it deserted. The next day he received a letter from his wife telling him she had gone to live with Heygate.

The shock paralysed Waugh's creativity. He did no work on the novel for two months. When he did take it up again later that autumn, it was, the manuscript shows, clearly a struggle. It is not until page 6 that the manuscript starts to flow.

At this point the story of the Bright Young People takes on a darker cast. Life had turned sour for Waugh. This would be, he wrote to Henry Yorke, "certainly the last time I shall try and make a book about sophisticated people. It all seems to shrivel up and rot internally and I am relying on a sort of cumulative futility for any effect it may have."




**'Do you like it? I do': Waugh on the first-edition dustjacket**

Only two pages into the manuscript (later changed to page 3) he aims a snide phrase at Heygate, whom he privately dubbed the Basement Boy, referring to "cocktail parties given in basement flats by spotty announcers at the BBC". Nina throws Adam over for Ginger, a rich vulgarian whom she marries (although Adam, in what is perhaps Waugh's fantasy revenge, later cuckolds Ginger and fathers Nina's child) while Agatha Runcible, brightest of the bright young people, dies of concussion after a motor-racing accident. Waugh finishes off the book with the declaration of European war; the last page of the manuscript reads, "The End Thank God EW".

Waugh had the manuscript of *Vile Bodies* bound by Maltby of Oxford and presented it to the couple who had supported him in his trouble, Bryan Guinness (later Lord Moyne) and his wife Diana (later Lady Mosley). The presentation inscription reads: "Dear Bryan and Diana, I am afraid that this will never be of the smallest value but I thought that, as it is your book, you might be amused to have it (as a very much belated Christmas present). Best love from Evelyn."

Diana's son, Jonathan Guinness, Waugh's godson, was given the manuscript by his father on his thirtieth birthday. Christie's estimates its value at £15,000 to £20,000.

**Sarah Bradford**

## Jack Straw

# Seeking socialists up gravel drives

He was an optimist. For my agent, the only thing that lay between me and victory was relentless effort. With rain down my neck and the chill close to my bones, I would be ready to stop at half-past eight. "You'll be sorry if you miss it by a few votes," he'd say. "There's a village up the road, just a dozen houses, won't take us an hour."

I did miss it by a few votes: 18 separated me from the Liberal candidate. Sadly for both of us, the Tory was 10,000 in front. As I left the count on election night in February 1974, I consoled myself with the fact that I was £1 better off (the Liberal and I had had a side-bet on third place), and that I had been right in thinking that Tonbridge and Malling was not after all the place where revolution was going to break out.

But my agent was right too; especially about those villages down the road. He was a machine-minder on the *Daily Mirror*. He enjoyed a lifestyle indistinguishable from many middle managers in industry. He had a modern sense of class. For him, there were no areas off-limits for Labour. Occasionally – more often than ever I expected – after I had generated that most expensive sound, the crunch of gravel, I was rewarded by a welcoming smile from a hitherto unknown and unimpoverished comrade, who took a poster and offered to do some work.

It's an experience I've never forgotten. We have won two wards in Blackburn on the strength of it – wards which, before 1979, were regarded as so Tory that we scarcely, if ever, thought that they were worth the fight: wards full of neat new estates, the escape to which used to be featured on the back of cornflake packets when I was at school.

The Tories spotted the join in the language of class politics years ago, with conspicuous success. At the last election almost twice as many working-class home-owners voted Tory as voted Labour (47 per cent against 27 per cent) while for council tenants the figures were almost exactly the reverse. But now the modest Macmillan aim of a "property-owning democracy" has turned into the stunningly ambitious goal of a "nation of capitalists".

But there is a join in the new Tory language of capitalism, too, and one which Labour could and should exploit. Very simply, we cannot have a nation all of capitalists. Capitalism cannot work without an accumulation of wealth and a concentration of power. The rhetoric of the right may suggest and insinuate a sharing of economic power, but the reality has moved in the opposite direction.

Home ownership has increased from 30 per cent to 60 per cent in three decades. But this has occurred at the same time as the agents of that increase, the building societies, have sought to move away from their original base of a fully participating mutual membership to an oligarchic system of control little different from that of the large corporation. The growth in private occupational pension schemes has seen little complementary widening of beneficiary involvement in the management of the schemes.

At the level of the large industrial or commercial corporation, the trend has overwhelmingly been towards an increasing, not diminishing, centralization of power. The clarion call to "let managers manage", the consequential diminution in the power of the shop floor, the removal of exchange controls, the dilution of planning regulations, have all meant the erosion of countervailing centres of power – in the trade unions, local authorities, Whitehall, Parliament – against that now exercised in the City and boardroom.

Power has shifted, too, from the regions to south-east England as new technology increases the facility of remote control of subsidiaries. Inequalities of income and wealth have widened as the share of the best-off 10 per cent has improved (especially in terms of income). Many white-collar groups who once thought they had jobs for life now share with manual workers insecurity and the threat of redundancy. Even if they are safe, their children almost certainly are not. In economic terms, the division between that class which exchanges its labour for cash, and that which controls the major operations of the economy, has not been starker since the war. Class is fundamental to the ills of British society.

But Labour's mistake in the recent past has been to believe that it could exploit the politics of class with the language of class. Ninety per cent of the population may be wage slaves, but they do not see it that way. Class as a perception is not a matter of relative economic power, but of culture, lifestyle and shared experiences. Beyond those few groups, such as the miners, where perceptions and power coincide, appeals to the "working class" or even to "working people" now sound dated and insincere. Sixty per cent of the population may still be workingclass by the adman's categorisation (C2DE), but many will describe themselves as middle-class and many more aspire to that condition. Labour must have an ideology robust enough to meet the challenge of double-glazing, the video recorder and the holiday in Tenerife.

Why so many of us should have swallowed the romantic nonsense that the only good socialist was a ragged-trousered one, God knows. We should be celebrating the improvement in material living standards, home ownership, education and conditions of work (not all of it yet eroded by this Government), the opportunities this gives to create a fairer society, and Labour's contribution towards all of this, rather than apologizing for it.

It is with *capitalism* that a property-owning democracy is truly incompatible, since the latter would involve an equality of power and wealth that neither the philosophy nor the practice of the new right could stand. It is by addressing those who are embroiled in our present economic system, but who, in reality, control no part of it, that Labour's future lies.

*The author is Labour MP for Blackburn.*

## *moreover...* Miles Kington

# Let's just light up another question

So, Konstantin Chernenko is dead. The man they called the president of Soviet Russia is dead. The ruler of the most powerful nation outside America has passed to his forefathers. The big cheese has snuffed it. Yes, the leader whose word was law from Moscow to Manchuria has gone to the great retirement home in the sky. And now a thousand hack writers are busy at work churning out their obligatory valedictory articles around the globe.

What was he like, this arbiter of Communism whose hand was on the tiller which controlled the course of the Soviet empire? This ruthless party machine boss who held the threads which controlled the actions of millions of Russian citizens, what was he like? The simple answer is that, apart from the fact that he coughed a lot, we simply don't know. His finger was on the button of the mightiest war machine the world has ever seen, yet there isn't a damned thing to say about him. It is almost as if the man himself never actually existed in real life.

So what are they like, these thousand hacks who have been commanded to write their wise words about the late Konstantin Chernenko, the man whose passing is being honoured today by one of the greatest turn-outs of dark suits the world has seen since Yuri Andropov kicked the bucket? They are frightened men, these syndicated columnists desperately trying to put a few words together. The editor is screaming for their articles, yet already they have reached paragraph three and can't thing of anything else to say. No wonder they reach for their bottle of Scotch and send the messenger boy out for another packet of cigarettes.

But this much is certain. When all else fails, they will begin a paragraph saying: "But this much is certain". After that, perhaps they will say: "The world can never be quite the same again." Then they will look at what they have written and say, That's ridiculous; the world will be exactly the same, because Mr Gorbachov is no different, only a bit younger. Then they will delete this paragraph and try another one, starting: "Who can honestly know what goes on in the Kremlin power game?"

Who can honestly know what goes on in the Kremlin power game? Certainly not the thousand hacks who wouldn't know a power game if it beat them over the head with a rolled-up *Financial Times*. Certainly not the editor who is screaming for their copy while trying to choose the best photo of the VIPs arriving in Moscow, preferably one with David Owen trying to upstage Neil Kinnock. Probably not even the messenger boy who has just come back with a packet of the wrong cigarettes, for God's sake you know I smoke Wild Strawberry Filters!

So what is he like, this messenger boy who has just had to go out for the second time to the kiosk on the corner and change the 20 Gitanes for Wild Strawberry Filters? Well, this much is certain. He doesn't give a damn who runs Russia. All he knows is that he has to waste his time running around for the big-shot columnist, who has to waste his time churning out his thousand words for the editor, who has to waste his time screaming for copy in order to satisfy the proprietor, who has to waste his time doing whatever it is that newspaper proprietors do.

A bit like the Kremlin, really. Lots of people running round buying cigarettes and screaming at each other, with someone at the top wondering what to do next. But this much is certain. Mikhail Gorbachov is now the most powerful man in Soviet Russia, the man with a thousand messengers at his beck and call, ready to get a thousand packets of cigarettes, also to destroy the USA if necessary.

So what is he like, this young, dynamic, balding new Red supremo? Well, we've no idea, really. But that doesn't prevent us churning out another thousand words of copy and somehow, miraculously, amazingly, getting within reach of the final paragraph of our article which will, almost certainly, start with the words, What of the future?

What of the future? Will Gorbachov change the rules of the power game? Or will he hew close to the traditional image of the Soviet leader? Will there be a loosening of the Communist structure or will it be business as usual? Isn't it nice asking all these questions? Doesn't it sound as if we know what we're talking about? When, in fact, we don't have the faintest idea what we're talking about and only time will tell?

So what of the future? Well, only time will tell. But this much is certain. The world can never be quite the same again. Thanks – how much do I owe you for the cigarettes?

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# NO ROOMS TO LET

Today the House of Commons is asked to approve orders reducing the proportion of capital receipts which local housing authorities can recycle as improvement grants, repairs or new building. Much of the heat has gone out of the issue since Mr Gow announced concessions allowing councils to keep the proceeds of building houses for speedy sale. The 20 per cent proportion the Government is today asking for is too small – councils are being penalized for good housekeeping and enthusiastic pursuit of the Right to Buy policy. Yet it is only too small if capital receipts are being recycled to good purpose, and that must be defined as the maximum mobilization of private housing effort, especially for housing to rent.

The Government has been slow to apply its radical edge to the heart of Britain's housing problem. Peter Rachman, a name from the 1960s, still hangs over Conservative housing policy, a curse on all landlords and an excuse for inaction on the supply side of private accommodation for rent. What else but a 20-year old guilty conscience has prevented ministers – a Cabinet committed, at the least, to a rigorous examination of the welfare state – from thinking about dismantling the apparatus of rent control and tenancy restriction? Ministers say, diffidently, "no private company in its right mind would invest in building accommodation to rent" but in five years they do practically nothing. Now the housing lobbies, the bishops and the Royal Family rumble about an urban housing crisis; the homelessness figures rise and there are vivid case histories to match them. In response the Government is seemingly afraid to point to possible solutions in the private rented sector, to expound the role that landlords, small and large, might have in easing supply. At times the build-more-council-houses brigade is left in possession of the field while ministers entrench behind the strong (if unimaginatively built) walls of fiscal imperative.

The long and short of current housing policy is the extension of owner occupation. Here is an objective which matches a deeply-held popular ambition. Yet however stout, it cannot stand alone. The reality for the forseeable future is owner occupation for the many, public housing for a substantial minority, the two tenures buttressed each in its own way with subsidy (the great machine of housing benefit on one side, £3.5 billion worth of mortgage tax relief on the other) and restrictive practice.

This cannot be the full housing profile of a nation on the move, one responding to economic change, an occupationally mobile if less comfortable nation. A pool of rented housing is needed, easy to enter, easy to leave, housing of a type the private sector alone (a sector which includes charities, building societies and housing associations as well as rental firms and small landlords) can provide. To expand that pool by means both of de-regulation and financial incentives ought to be a government priority.

A programme to revive private rental housing in Britain starts at the centre with the Rents Acts, with fiscal discrimination against landlords and with Treasury rules about the way the Housing Corporation is prevented from levering building society and other private sector money into building for rent. At the heart of such a programme are the local authorities – some of which are shining examples of how, for example in the provision of rental accommodation for the elderly, private developers can be coaxed into innovative schemes. It is the local authorities which have sooner or later to accept that homelessness and under-provision can be met outside the ambit of the town halls and their authoritarian waiting lists and allocation points. Rachman remains an emotive word. But the real scandal of this decade will be if anachronistic attitudes delay or thwart private investment in our stock of housing for rent.

# HOLISTIC HEALING

Two partisan legends are laid to rest by the findings of the survey of doctors' attitudes to complementary or alternative medicine that we report today. The first is that treatment outside the mainstream of what is taught in the medical schools is mere moonshine, the preserve of eccentrics and charlatans, and that patients putting themselves under the care of such practitioners are spurning the benefits of modern science for a dangerous mumbo-jumbo. If that were true, how could so many doctors be showing such an active interest? The second myth is that the profession fosters in all its practitioners a blinkered intolerance about other approaches. If that were true, how could so many doctors, etc...?

The general practitioners who were surveyed score high for open-mindedness and caution. Two thirds of them believe that alternative approaches can in some circumstances be useful, and a quarter of them have undergone such treatment themselves. Although only small minorities actually use these techniques at present, a majority would like to try, and only a minority reject outright the idea of referring patients to others for such treatment.

The doctors are interested, but they are cautious. They are more inclined to approach alternative techniques as essentially ancillary to their art than to see them as rival sources of authority. This kind of acceptance will not be enough for many minority practitioners who insist that what they are offering is not a complementary approach, but true alternatives.

Their mistrust of conventional medicine is justified in the sense that the immense flowering of surgery and chemotherapy over the last century was achieved at a cost. Treating the body as a machine subject to mechanical malfunctions proved a very rewarding approach, up to a point. But repair-shop methods tempted doctors to lose sight of other truths – that the patient is a person, integrated and unique, and should be treated as an ally rather than an object.

As this technical prowess grows, a widening gap opens between what can be done and what should be done – and the medical profession by itself is neither trained nor willing to say how it should be bridged without joining wider society in the decision. As conventional medicine becomes more and more concerned with saving money and manpower by processing patients ever more rapidly through ever fewer beds, it is not surprising that some doctors are looking increasingly wistfully towards procedures developed in the days when a healer possessed no drug as effective as his time.

An increasing number of doctors see that there is much that medicine can profitably absorb from unconventional therapies, and are prepared to act accordingly. This rapprochement is all to the good, but it would be wrong to imagine that the tension between orthodoxy and unorthodoxy can be fully resolved – or even should be. Doctors cannot forswear that rigour in seeking statistically demonstrable and repeatable results which has historically brought such great rewards, while many unorthodox workers are wary of being annexed by the empire of science. Some of their approaches will remain by nature more suitable for provision outside the NHS than inside it. Their labour-intensive virtues – patience, attentiveness to individuality, humility towards the mysteries of life – will always find themselves under pressure in a system where professionals' time is even more expensive than the drugs they use. The tension can be a fruitful one on both sides, so long as partisan arrogance does not blind each side to the contribution the other can make.

# NO TIME TO NIBBLE

Exactly fifty years ago, Mr Neville Chamberlain was roundly criticised by industry for producing "a Budget of Forty Winks from Sleepy Hollow". A similar choice between radical and somnolent conservatism faces Mr Nigel Lawson. It is expected that next week he will at least propose structural changes to the taxation of both income and capital, in the interests of tax simplification and the stimulation of work and savings incentives. The canvas is a broad one, on which it will be easy to paint a number of small contradictions. That danger can only be avoided by some broad brush strokes intended to give coherence to the whole.

Mr Lawson's stated intentions are to shift some of the burden of taxation from income to expenditure, to raise the threshold for income tax, and to clear up some of the encrusted muddles of capital taxation. Carried out bravely enough, these aims should be mutually reinforcing.

The taxation of capital is justified in that its possession confers certain advantages comparable to the receipt of income; and if the latter but not the former were taxed, the financial system would be distorted (and the income tax base reduced) by an accumulation of devices designed to disguise income as an increase in capital. While income tax rates have remained high, and inflation has created paper gains which outweigh the real increase in the value of personal assets, however, it has not proved possible to devise a system for the taxation of either capital gains or capital transfers without riddling the two with exemptions that reduce their value as revenue-raisers to trivial levels.

To abolish either without further change in the taxation of income would merely recreate the boundary problem already mentioned. Without further change, moreover, income from capital will continue to enjoy an easier tax regime than income from employment, because of the rising burden of national insurance on earnings. It would be all too easy for the Chancellor to reinforce an unsatisfactory bias against earned income at a moment when his intention is to introduce a "budget for jobs".

It is therefore an essential element in the Chancellor's package to tax reforms that he should move towards the fusion of national insurance and income tax. The consequence of this would be that all income, not just that earned from employment, would bear the burden of financing national insurance benefits: it would therefore be right to follow through such a change with a reform of social security which linked benefits to genuine social need and abolished the last vestige of the much-abused "contributory principle".

Were the Chancellor to proceed so far, it would then be sensible and rational for him to tidy up the range of combined tax rates on income, with reductions at both the bottom and the top. At present, those just above the income tax threshold face a tax rate of 39 per cent, including national insurance. This falls to 30 per cent across a narrow band of income above the top of the national insurance limits, then rising by stages to 60 per cent. Were the two to be completely fused, thus raising the starting-point for national insurance and so dramatically reducing the tax burden on the lower-paid, the scale of combined tax rates would have to run from about 41 to 62 per cent to raise the same revenue. The correct adjustment would then be to cut the starting rate (which would take up a good deal of Mr Lawson's extra revenue from spending taxes and the abolition of special tax reliefs) while simultaneously cutting top rates (which would cost very little).

This pattern of reform would simultaneously improve the position of earners (particularly low earners) while reducing the top rates of tax on income which make it so hard to rationalize the taxation of capital. It would simplify the progression of British income tax, which at present is an unjustifiable mess. It should be accompanied by a revision of the pattern of personal tax allowances which are at present excessively generous to married couples who both work at the expense of one-earner couples stuck in the "poverty trap". It should also depend on a shift in taxation to expenditure, which would make it possible to reduce taxation of both income and capital all round.

The higher the proportion of British tax revenue raised from expenditure, the easier it is to resolve the difficulties created by the boundaries between capital and income. For if capital gains, or receipts, are taxed as soon as they are spent, there is less need to identify them separately as a distinct basis for taxation: one way for the Chancellor to move immediately in this direction would be to shift the focus of capital gains tax on to disposals.

The chief argument against a broadly-based expenditure tax in place of the present variety of value-added tax is that it would add to the living costs of the poor. But the correct way to relieve poverty is through social security and income tax, linked to provide a more coherent pattern of income support and earnings incentives. This will become possible only if the Government is prepared to be radical about both social security and spending taxes. If it nibbles away at both, it will earn the enmity of those affected without winning posterity's blessing for the courage to engage in full-blooded reform.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A tougher regime in detention

*From the Minister of State for the Home Department*

Sir, In his letter of March 8 the Chairman of the Howard League, Andrew Rutherford, deplores the introduction of the new regime in detention centres on March 6 on two counts.

First, he describes the new regime as explicitly punitive. If he is implying that punishments will be imposed on inmates otherwise than through the prescribed procedures for offences against discipline, or that pointless activities have been introduced, or that inmates will be treated without consideration for their welfare and needs, he is wrong.

Staff will continue to adopt the professional, firm and fair approach commended in the evaluation of the experiment with tougher regimes published last July.

But if he means that the regime will be properly geared to the short sentences served at detention centres; that it will be brisk, balanced and purposive; and that it will bring young people up against the consequences of offending for which there is no alternative to a custodial sentence, then he is quite right. But I would unhesitatingly reject his view that such things are to be deplored.

Secondly, he wrongly claims that we have ignored the evaluation findings. The narrow point that reconviction rates were not significantly affected by the experimental regime hardly came as a surprise.

The structured initial two-week programme, the emphasis on standard setting, the sharpening of the grade system, the way in which inmates will progress from the most basic kinds of work to less unpopular tasks – these all respond to the research evidence, as well as to management experience of running detention centres and the comments of the prison service unions.

What he loses sight of is the need to establish the most appropriate regime for all detention centres. It made good sense to apply universally the many features in the experiment which proved to be of value.

Yours faithfully,
ELTON,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
March 11.

## The Lords on TV

*From the Editor of Independent Television News*

Sir, The six-month experiment on televising the House of Lords has only been under way for six weeks and already you report (March 8) "a growing disillusionment among peers" about the degree of coverage so far.

There is no question of ITN's losing enthusiasm. This week, for the first time, we featured the proceedings of a select committee in a news report, in addition to the coverage of the debate on the arts. In the coming weeks Channel Four, in conjunction with ITN, has scheduled three special programmes. They include two days of live coverage and one half-hour of edited highlights.

It was always anticipated that coverage would be a gradually evolving process and the public reaction has been very positive. The question of a weekly programme is under active consideration for later.

More than four million viewers watched part of the first day's coverage on Channel Four on January 23.

There is plenty of interesting coverage yet to come.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID NICHOLAS, Editor,
Independent Television News Limited,
ITN House,
48 Wells Street, W1.
March 8.

## Broadcasting's future

*From the Managing Director of BBC Television*

Sir, May I reply to Mr Peter Anghelides (March 8) on the subject of *Dr Who*. The programme has not been axed. The Doctor is having a short rest and will return, improved and revitalized, in autumn next year – only eight months later than originally planned.

As for the suggestion that this brief rest, after 21 years, is "a publicity stunt" connected with the BBC's licence fee application, I hope your readers will accept my unequivocal assurance that there is no connection whatever between the two.

The BBC does not stoop to tactics of the kind imagined by your correspondents.

Yours sincerely,
BILL COTTON,
Managing Director,
BBC Television,
BBC Television Centre, W12.
March 11.

## Causes of decline

*From Mr C. R. Jones*

Sir, While noting Mr Peter Kaldor's letter (March 8) it must be remembered that in spite of many apparent constraints we are still free to choose whether to be engineers or schoolmasters. I had the good fortune to follow both professions. One gave me a substantial income. In the other I experienced a tremendous sense of achievement prolonged by continued contact with former pupils.

Changing horses in mid-stream is not a new idea and dissatisfied teachers might well consider a new steed if the present one is not satisfying their needs.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. JONES,
24 Alhambra Road,
Southsea,
Hampshire.
March 9.

## Why Civil Servants feel indignant

*From the General Secretary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants*

Sir, In your leading article of March 7 ("Uncivil, unserviceable") you attacked the proposed merger between the two largest Civil Service unions, the CPSA (Civil and Public Services Association) and the SCPS (Society of Civil and Public Servants). Your comments were a splendid example of the pompous double standards with which readers of *The Times* will be so familiar.

Fleet Street is fond of lecturing the trade union movement about the virtues of creating a more rational union structure. So it is a bit thick when, once a trade union merger is proposed, you come out in opposition to it. Could it be that you only support trade union mergers as long as they do not strengthen the position of employees against their employer?

You attack the capacity of the Civil Service unions to "disrupt or even discontinue Government business in the name of industrial action". Those who recall your pusillanimous leader on the GCHQ affair last year will not be surprised at this, since you supported the trade union ban and merely criticized "a whiff of mismanagement" in the Government's handling of it. Could it be that you only support the freedom of Civil Servants to join a trade union as long as they do not take any action to defend their livelihood?

You talk about stoppages which "masquerade as industrial action which more often have a serious and disruptive political purpose behind them" – thus exhibiting the breath-taking ignorance of social reality which is one of the true hallmarks of a *Times* leader. For the last five and a half years it is the *Government* which has attacked Civil Servants' pay, jobs and civil liberties, out of its adherence to a doctrinaire and extreme political philosophy. Could it be that you only support the right of people to resist arbitrary and authoritarian government as long as it is not practised by Conservative ministers?

The most offensive part of your article was the insinuation that Civil Service trade union members might allow themselves to be "hustled" by their unions into industrial action over pay. Unelected Fleet Street editors always cut a ridiculous figure when they pontificate about democracy in the world outside. But your comments also betray a deep contempt for the very people whose interests you pretend to have at heart.

Our members will not be "hustled" by anyone – and it is they, and they alone, who will take the final decision in secret, workplace ballots on both this year's pay offer and the proposed merger.

Yours faithfully,
GERRY GILLMAN,
General Secretary,
Society of Civil and Public Servants,
124-30 Southwark Street, SE1.
March 8.

*From the General Secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation*

Sir, I was very surprised at the apparent lack of understanding shown in your analysis of the Civil Service unions' pay campaign (leader, March 7) and the political objectives you say it is trying to achieve. Instead of drumming up hysteria about the dangers of so-called Communist subversives plotting for the overthrow of government, you should be asking serious and pertinent questions about the reasons why an increasing number of Civil Servants from a traditionally non-militant background are prepared to support those with extreme political views.

I would argue that the upsurge of militancy you are witnessing now is a response to the shabby, insensitive way this Government has treated its employees for the past five years. You say that "it has become fashionable, in the aftermath of the Ponting affair, for some Civil Servants and their apologists to claim that the policies and attitudes of ministers are largely to blame for the contemporary erosion in Civil Service morale".

Morale is normally but marginally affected by Civil Servants' approval or disapproval of Government policy: morale is about their relationship with their employer, the way they are treated, the respect they are given and, yes, even the amount they are paid. Time after time this Government has let it its Civil Servants down.

With sweeping cuts in manpower, very often unrelated to cuts in function, the result is growing pressure of work and evidence of increasing stress amongst public sector employees (clearly shown in the results of an independent survey on higher grade tax officers recently published by my union).

It should not surprise anyone that Civil Servants are showing much greater determination to achieve success in this year's pay campaign. So far as the Inland Revenue staff are concerned a manpower campaign will follow close behind.

Yours faithfully,
TONY CHRISTOPHER,
General Secretary,
Inland Revenue Staff Federation,
Douglas Houghton House,
231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.

## Difference of opinion

*From Dr C. T. Husbands*

Sir, Your Diarist's report, "Polls apart" (March 6), unjustly implies that the results of one unpublished MORI poll about Londoners' attitudes towards the GLC's abolition show that public opinion in the capital is moving in favour of this proposal. Such an interpretation is not supported by other polls on this subject.

Between October, 1983, and October, 1984, there were 10 publicly available studies, conducted by four different polling organizations, of the attitudes of Londoners on this issue. They show a remarkably consistent pattern of hostility to abolition. In none of the 10 studies does approval of the proposal reach a quarter of the sample and in five cases the fraction is less than a fifth.

After the maximization of public awareness and the consequent reduction of neutral and "Don't know" responses – something that had occurred by April, 1984 – opposition to the abolition proposal settled down at around two-thirds of the London electorate: the median of the seven studies from March, 1984, to late October, 1984, is 66 per cent.

A poll by Marplan, conducted on October 8-9, 1984, for a BBC television programme broadcast on October 16, found 68 per cent opposed to abolition; one by Audience Selection on October 17-18, for an LWT programme on October 19, recorded a figure of 71 per cent.

Had the GLC used the slightly more restrained slogan, "Two-thirds say no" instead of "74 per cent say no", I do not think that the impact of its message would have been greatly reduced.

Yours faithfully,
C. T. HUSBANDS,
The London School of Economics and Political Science,
University of London,
Houghton Street, WC2.
March 6.

## Marks of distinction

*From Dr P. V. Jones*

Sir, May I draw the attention of your readers to a consultation document from the Department of Education and Science which proposes that distinction certificates for the new GCSE examinations will only be awarded to those pupils who pass at satisfactory grades *in certain specified subjects* (the GCSE will shortly replace O and CSE examinations).

A distinction certificate, it is proposed, will only be awarded to those pupils who pass at the appropriate grades in (a) mathematics, (b) science, (c) English, (d) a modern language, (e) *either* history *or* geography, (f) *either* craft, design and technology, *or* home economics, *or* art and design *or* music, (g) and one other (the list is too long to quote).

I write to you because after a number of recent meetings in Newcastle it has become apparent that this wonderful news has not reached heads, let alone teachers and parents. The full consultation document is available from the DES, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1, to which responses should be made by the end of April, 1985.

Your etc,
PETER V. JONES,
The University of Newcastle Upon Tyne,
Department of Classics,
Newcastle Upon Tyne.

## Oxfam appointment

*From Professor Alan Thompson*

Sir, It is clear that many of us who support Oxfam may have to consider whether to transfer our help to other relief organisations ("Protest over Oxfam appointment", March 6).

To argue that Oxfam's traditions are not consistent with the appointment of a distinguished and talented former lieutenant-colonel is a truly novel interpretation of the work of a relief organisation.

Some of my best students go into the Armed Services; they are intellectually able, conscientious, concerned about good man-management and possess a keen sense of duty to the community.

The vast majority of the British public hold the Armed Services in high esteem. This esteem probably reached its high point when thousands of young men and women in uniform confronted and defeated the Argentinian invasion force. There are still several million men and women alive who had no hesitation in donning uniform in the last war.

I respect the views of genuine pacifists. I hold it to be unworthy to allow Oxfam to become a cover for such views to the exclusion of the deeply held convictions of the majority of the British people.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THOMPSON,
11 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh.

## The Jewish vote

*From Mr John Reading*

Sir, Peter Bradley ("Why Labour is losing its Jews", March 7) is quite right to point out the creeping anti-Semitism expressed on public platforms by some members of the Labour Party and to identify this as a cause of lessening support by Jewish voters for the Labour Party.

The problems of separating anti-Zionism from anti-Semitism is not a new one for non-Jews, the dispute at Sunderland Polytechnic Students' Union having been mirrored in the mid-seventies in many students' unions up and down the country but he would do well to consider that the principles will continue to be merged as long as Jews in this country fail to condemn the persistent excesses of the Israeli State.

Peter Bradley is right to throw Ken Livingstone's remark back at him, but he must also accept that Jewish socialists need to examine critically the policies and actions of all those who hold positions of power, and in particular of those in Israel.

Yours etc,
JOHN READING,
2 Avening Terrace, SW18
March 7

## ON THIS DAY

MARCH 13 1930

*Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) first realised the power of civil disobedience when he organized a campaign in South Africa in 1907. The famous 200 miles march resulted in Gandhi's imprisonment; he was released in 1931 in order to attend the London Round Table Conference on behalf of the Indian National Congress.*

### GANDHI MARCH BEGUN

### "MY SACRED DUTY"

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BOMBAY, MARCH 12

In the early hours of a dark, cold morning, Mr. Gandhi, accompanied by a chosen band of 79 volunteers, started from his *Ashram* (seminary) outside Ahmedabad to-day, on the first stage of his civil disobedience march.

The Special Correspondent of the *Times of India*, describing the scene, says that at an early hour peasants were working in the fields in complete disregard of their saviour's imminent march. Yet their indifference was certainly not the fault of the volunteers, who have been scouring the countryside for support, ordering that the villages through which the procession will pass shall be swept clean, and generously distributing Gujarati pamphlets. (Pamphlets apparently produced at Gujarat Vidyapith, Mr. Gandhi's "university"). One pamphlet demands gifts because one "was soon to ascend the Cross like Jesus Christ", and the appeal for money has been not unheeded. The Correspondent discovered Mr. Gandhi in the densest part of the procession looking old and cold, and it was difficult to believe him equal to the strain. Behind him came a motor-lorry carrying a mass of home spun cloth, and in the rear was a horse which Mr. Gandhi later intends to ride.

In Bombay the Provincial Congress Committee and the Youth League organized demonstrations, which in their early stages passed off uneventfully, except that the band of the volunteers, unaccustomed to the Congress atmosphere played "God Save the King", which was immediately stopped. Later a large crowd of schoolboys became disorderly and broke some shop windows and four windows of the *Times of India* offices, but was dispersed after scuffles with the police.

Mr. Gandhi in today's issue of *Young India*, criticizes the Viceroy's reply to his letter:

"On bended knee," he writes "I asked for bread, but received stone instead". He says the Viceroy represents a nation that does not easily give in and does not easily repent. "Entreaty never convinces it. It readily listens to physical force, and can witness with bated breath a boxing match for hours without fatigue; can go mad over a football match in which may be broken bones, and goes into ecstacies over blood-curdling accounts of war. It will listen to mere resistless suffering. It will not part with the millions it annually drains from India in reply to any argument, however convincing.

"The Viceregal reply does not surprise me. But I know the salt tax has to go, and many other things with it, if my letter means what it says. The reply says I contemplate a course of action which is clearly bound to involve a violation of the law and a danger to public peace. In spite of a forest of books containing rules and regulations, the only law the nation knows is the will of the British administrators, and the only public peace the nation knows is the peace of the public prison. India is one vast prison house. I repudiate this law, and regard it as my sacred duty to break the mournful monotony of compulsory peace that is choking the nation's heart for want of a free vent."

## Matrimonial motley

*From Mr Duncan Robertson*

Sir, On March 1 you published a fascinating list of who wore what at Princess Mary's wedding. But one cannot help wondering what eventually happened to the extraordinary collection – cloaks, coats, gowns, dresses and jabouts, toques and paradise hats, turbans with drooping ostrich plumes, green and tipped with gold; and all those animals with little black noses and beady eyes – sables (Russian or otherwise) skunk, ermine, musquash and silver fox.

Were they given to an ungrateful niece, a governess or lady's maid, a jumble sale or the Salvation Army? Are any remnants still in existence? What scope for research.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN ROBERTSON,
Llantysilio Hall,
Llangollen,
Clwyd.
March 7.

## Tongue-tripping

*From Mr Hugh Betteridge*

Sir, My wife, of French extraction, is a keen student of Portfolio. This morning she asked me to let her have *The Times*, to do, as she said, her profiterole.

Alas, no profit awaited her. On the brink of her birthday I therefore sign myself,

Yours expectantly,
HUGH BETTERIDGE,
2 St Omer Ridge, Guildford, Surrey.
March 7.

## Colourful attire

*From Sir David Serpell*

Sir, The Masters' at Augusta has its green jacket, and the Tour de France its maillot jaune. Could not – should not – the winning of the World Cricket Championship be marked by the bestowal of *white* pyjamas?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SERPELL,
25 Crossparks,
Dartmouth,
Devon.
March 7.

## Back-pedalling?

*From Mr Francis Wilford-Smith*

Sir, Your issue for Friday, March 8, was numbered 62,081, that of Saturday, the 9th, 62,082. But today, Monday, 11th, here we are back with 62,081. Is *The Times* suffering a reverse?

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS WILFORD-SMITH,
Stanway,
Dormington,
Hereford.
March 11

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 12: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, accompanied by Captain Mark Phillips, attended a luncheon given by the Wardens of the Company at the Guildhall Club, where Her Royal Highness and Captain Phillips were received by the Renter Warden (Mr Arnold Scott).

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Honorary Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Carmen, accompanied by Captain Mark Phillips, this evening attended a Livery Banquet at the Mansion House.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Phillips were received by the Master of the Company (Mr Clive Birch).

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 12: The Duke of Gloucester visited Winchester College today and opened the new Art School.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

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The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend a service to launch the Hereford Cathedral Appeal in Hereford Cathedral on April 9.

Princess Anne will visit the Pebble Mill Studios, Birmingham, on May 2 and present the Dettol Youth Caring Awards on *Pebble Mill at One.*

Princess Anne, Commandant in Chief St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend a ball to launch "The Four-Star Golf Tournament" in aid of the Order of St John, at Grosvenor House on May 28.

Princess Anne's engagement, as President of the Save the Children Fund, at Grosvenor House on April 29 has been cancelled.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a gala charity performance of *Turendot* being given by the Rotary Club of Windsor St George and the Windsor and Eton Operatic Society at the Farrer Theatre, Eton College on April 1.

The Prince of Wales will visit Salisbury to mark the launching of the Salisbury Catherdral Spire Appeal on April 10.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the head offices of Daf Trucks, Eindhoven, The Netherlands on April 15.

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, will attend the sixth final of the Volvo World Cup for Jumping Riders in Berlin on April 21.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit a replica of the ship, *Godspeed*, before her departure on a voyage of re-enactment of Jamestown, United States, from Island Gardens, Isle of Dogs on April 30.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner to mark the retirement of Lord Goodman, CH, as President of the National Book League on April 30 at the Garrick Club.

## Reception

**Lady Mayoress of Westminster**

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster last night gave a reception at City Hall for Honorary Stewards of Westminster Abbey.

## Dinners

**Speaker**

The Speaker was host at a dinner given for the President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev Gordon Barritt, in Speaker's House yesterday evening. Those present were:

Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Mr Alan Beith, MP, Mr Stuart Bell, MP, Dr Rhodes Boyson, MP, Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, Mr Dan Dower, MP, Mr Ron Lewis, MP, Mr Stuart Randall, MP, the Rev Lord Soper, Lord Stamp, Mr Richard Wainwright, MP, the Rev Brian Beck, Mrs June Lunn and Mr Michael Taylor.

**Carmen's Company**

Princess Anne, Honorary Assistant of the Carmen's Company, and Captain Mark Phillips, honorary liveryman, were present at the annual dinner held last night at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor *locum tenens* and Lady Howard, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Rowe-Ham, also attended. Mr C. F. W. Birch, Master, presided, assisted by Mr O. Sunderland and Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver, Wardens. The other speakers were the Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, Lieutenant-Colonel F. E. Coxhead and the Hon Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport.

**Women's Advertising Club of London**

Mr Cyril Ray was the guest speaker at the dinner given by the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mrs Bridget Hall, president of the club was in the chair.

**London House**

The annual dinner for the overseas and United Kingdom students of the Law Faculty of London House was held yesterday by invitation of the governors and staff. Lady French, vice-chairman of the trust, presided and among the guests were: Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord MacLehose of Beech, Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice Scott and Sir William Dale

**Pipeline Industries Guild**

Mr George Band was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Pipline Industries Guild held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr J. R. S. Morris, president, was in the chair and Mr R. L. Klein, chairman, also spoke.

## Service dinner

**Birmingham University Air Squadron**

Birmingham University Air Squadron held its annual dinner last night at RAF Cosford. The Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader P. F. Hoare presided and the principal guest was the Air Member for Personnel, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy. Other guests included the AOC and Commandant, RAF College Cranwell, the Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University, the vice-chancellors of Keele and Aston universities and the Director of Coventry Polytechnic.

## Meeting

**English-Speaking Union**

Mr Glynn Christian spoke about the Pitcairn Islands at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union Current Affairs Forum held at Dartmouth House last night. Mrs Dene Newman was in the chair.

## Birthdays today

Mr Walter Annenberg, 77; Sir Gordon Borrie, 54; Mr Terrence Brady, 46; Professor C. O. Brink, 78; Sir Terence Burns, 41; Mr J. B. Butterworth, 67; Miss Lesley Collier, 38; Lord Crowther-Hunt, 65; Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Evans, 84; Mr Myles Formby, 84; Sir Gilbert Inglefield, 76; Mr Ian Leslie, 80; Sir Robert Mark, 68; Mr Oscar Nemon, 79; Major-General D. A. L. Wade, 87.

## Roedean School

Awards, 1985

Junior awards

Laila Michalicuka, St Bede's, Eastbourne (centenary academic scholarship); Camilla Campbell, Cumnor House, Danehill (academic and music scholarships); Emma Williams, Roedean (academic scholarship); Alexandra Hughes-Wilson, St Andrew's, Eastbourne (academic exhibition); Olivia Hum, Northbridge House, London (academic exhibition).

Sixth form

Sophia Borthwick, Sunderland Church High School (music scholarship); Catherine Edwards, St Mary's, Colchester (art scholarship); Caroline Pudney, Roedean (music scholarship); Simone Bendien, Roedean (art exhibition); Angeline Burne, Roedean (art exhibition); Rosa Gunston, Roedean (art exhibition).

## St Paul's Girls' School

The following first year awards have been made:

Music Award

Claire M Dolby, The Ursuline Convent, Wimbledon.

Awards

Nemone L Bridges, St Paul's Girls' Preparatory School, Brook Green; Serena G A Davies, St Paul's Girls' Preparatory School; Jenny Epstein, St Paul's Girls' Preparatory School; Clare E Lockhart-Mummery, Kensington High School; Annabel R Rivkin, Kensington High School; Clare N Sainsbury, Norland Place School, Holland Park; Annabel J Simmons, St Paul's Girls' Preparatory School.

## Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Captain H. M. Balfour RN, to be promoted Rear-Admiral and to be Commander Suhan of Oman's Navy, in succession to Commodore J. P. Gunning, in December.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr W. J. Maltby and Miss S. C. Ekins**

The engagement is announced between William John, son of Mr John and Lady Sylvia Maltby, of Broadford House, Stratfield Turgis, Basingstoke, Hampshire, and Sarah Catherine, daughter of Commander and Mrs James Ekins, of Old Lime House, Easton, Winchester, Hampshire.

**Mr R. M. Abel Smith and Mrs A. C. R. Fletcher**

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly between Ralph Mansel, son of the late Mr Thomas Abel Smith and of Mrs Thomas Abel Smith, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Mr Ian Bruce and of Mrs Ian Bruce.

**Mr A. C. D. Castle and Miss P. J. Henderson**

The engagement is announced between Allan, younger son of the late Mr Bill Castle and of Mrs Castle, of Sandwich, Kent, and Prue, younger daughter of Dr & Mrs Walter Hewerson of Farlington, York.

**Mr N. A. C. Higham and Miss U. de Nemeskeri-Kiss**

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Rear-Admiral and Mrs P. R. C. Higham, of Apple Tree Farm, Prinstead, Emsworth, Hampshire, and Ursula, only daughter of Count and Countess de Nemeskeri-Kiss, of Riverdale, New York.

**Mr R. A. Hume and Miss K. A. Vickery**

The engagement is announced between Robert Adam, only son of Mr & Mrs J. F. Hume, of Brighton, and Karen Anne, only daughter of Mr & Mrs R. G. Vickery, of Chislehurst.

**Mr P. Jarvis and Miss F. Kendall**

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Jarvis, of Bognor Regis, and Francesca, youngest daughter of Mr Michael Kendall, MVO, of Bristol, and Mrs Dorothy Kendall, of Bognor Regis.

**Mr A. J. Kolodziej and Mlle M. Chevrollier**

The engagement is announced between Andrzej, son of Mr and Mrs A. Kolodziej, of Sheffield, Yorkshire, and Myriam, daughter of M and Mme E. Chevrollier, of Cognac, France.

**Mr T. M. Parr and Miss A. E. Binnie**

The engagement is announced between Thomas Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. D. Parr, of Disley, Cheshire, and Anne Elaine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. Binnie, of Dagenham, Essex.

## Marriages

**Mr J. W. C. Carbonell and Miss J. S. Smith**

The marriage took place on March 12 in Alexandria, Virginia, between Mr John Carbonell, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. L. R. Carbonell, of Alton, Hampshire, and Miss Joanna Smith, only daughter of Mr H. R. Smith, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Mrs M. P. Smith, of Gaucin, Spain.

**Mr S. F. C. Moore and Miss A. McMellan**

The marriage took place in Hertfordshire on Saturday, February 23, 1985, between Mr Stuart Moore, eldest son of Mrs W. M. Moore, and the late Mr J. R. Moore, and Miss Ann McMellan, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. McMellan.


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**The six-storey Carlton Mill at Sowerby Bridge, which will become flats, offices, a museum and night club. The old weavers' sheds in the foreground will store canoes.**

# Breathing life into old mills

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

**A £6 million scheme to restore and revive a group of derelict mills at Sowerby Bridge, near Halifax, West Yorkshire, is likely to be a prototype for many other initiatives for post-industrial Britain.**

**The plan for the three-acre site, on the River Calder, is a partnership between the public sector, represented by West Yorkshire County Council and the private sector, represented mostly by local firms needing shops and offices as well as people seeking greater recreational facilities. Details will be announced today.**

**A riverside centre is to be created by restoring and re-using a group of old woollen mills, dating from the late eighteenth to early twentieth century. A range of industrial, recreational and tourist facilities will be provided, including specialist shops, a night club and public house, a canoe slalom course, various kinds of workspace, a tourist information centre and eventually flats and a youth hostel.**

**The three-phase scheme will start this year and should be completed within five to 10 years.**

**It is expected to attract support from the English Tourist Board, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, the Sports Council, Manpower Services Commission and possibly the EEC, as well as Calderdale District Council.**

**Mr Michael Middleton, chairman of the Civic Trust, has welcomed the initiative and said it has a significance for many other communities, especially in providing tourist facilities.**

**Mr Nicholas Falk, director of Urbed, the independent consultants to the county council which drew up the proposals, said the scheme showed what was possible by combining mixed uses for the buildings with the help of a supportive local authority and a committed group of local people who could turn a liability into a community asset.**

# Clown's red hair ensures high price

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Doulton pottery, which runs from the 1930s to the present day, was selling to intense competition at Sotheby's in Chester yesterday were the wares decorated by Clarice Cliff for the Newport Pottery, a recent collecting fad, were quite unwanted and failed to sell.

Star of the Doulton was a jug formed as the head of a clown with red hair, a painted face and a ruff around his neck. It sold for £1,815 (estimate £1,200 to £1,500) to A. Cross, a Lancashire dealer. It is the clown's red hair that makes the price; an identical model with white hair is not such a rarity and can be had for about £300.

The sale included 150 lots of Doulton, all of which found buyers. The close-knit band of Doulton collectors behave like stamp collectors, searching out one of each type and paying through the nose for the rarities. Aesthetics do not matter so much.

At Christie's in London buyers were not not forthcoming for the expensive Japanese porcelain on offer. A pair of hexagonal jars painted with flowers and exotic birds dating from the Empo/Jokyo period (1673-1687) had eighteenth-century ormolu mounts but were unsold at £32,000 (estimate £40,000 to £60,000), a baluster jar of 1660-1680, painted with flowers and foliage, was unsold at £11,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000).

In the event it was the painted and gilded screens that made the top prices in the two-sessions of the sale of Japanese works of art. A pair of six-leaf screens painted with flowering cherry trees on a solid gold ground, dating from the middle of the Edo period, made £9,720 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000). The sale totalled £288,608 with 24 per cent unsold.

Phillips' sale of Victorian paintings had only eight per cent left unsold with a total of £164,820. A private collector who had left his commissions with the auctioneer secured the two most expensive paintings.

He paid £23,100 (estimate £15,000 to £25,000) for a wide sunlit view over the plain to the town of Stirling; two thirds of the picture is taken up with cloud-flecked sky and misty mountains.

It is the work of Alexander Nasmyth and a particularly fine example. His second purchase was more of a surprise, "Canal Life", by Charles Willaim Wyllie, at £15,400 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

At Phillips' *Blue Peter* auction an 8ft gingerbread man was bought for £180 by Phillips' staff for donation to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

# Parson's snowdrops praised

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

Rare bulbs of all kinds are to be seen at the Royal Horticultural Society's early spring show, at Westminster.

Rupert Bowlby, a bulb specialist, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, is featuring a new blue-flowered crocus called *C anatalvensis*. Better known is *Lachenalia aloides* 'Nelsonii', with golden flowers, an excellent houseplant for cool rooms.

The Rev R. J. Blakeway-Phillips, of Little Abington, Cambridgeshire, has a fine collection of snowdrops or galanthus, including the unusual 'Green Maid' with flared petals, tipped green, and the similar 'Pusey Green Tip'.

Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham, Berwickshire, have inter-mized chalk-blue primulas *P whitei* 'Arduaine' and *P edgeworthii* 'Ghoses Form' with snowdrops and snowflakes (leucojum). *Galanthus* 'Silverwells', with distinctive flared petals, is appealing, as is *Leucojum vernum vagneri*, both raised by Edrom.

*Helleborus orientalis* hybrids are featured by Court Farm Nurseries, of Pebworth, Stratford-on-Avon, including the cream 'Mary Petit', and 'Charlotte Bonham Carter', pink, netted with wine-red.

Other interesting plants at the show include the new camellia 'Jury's Yellow', white, with a pale yellow anemone centre, from Trehane Camellias, of Wimborne, Dorset; and *Magnolia* 'Caerhay's Belle', with large pendulous pink flowers, from Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, Redruth, Cornwall, who were awarded a gold medal.

The main prizewinner in the RHS rhododendron competition is Robert N. Stephenson Clarke, of Borde Hill, Haywards Heath, Sussex. His exhibits include a group of four species: *R barbatum*, *R strigillosum*, *R lanigerum* and *R traevernum*.

Major A.E. Hardy and Mr G.A. Hardy of Sandling Park, Hythe, Kent, won a first prize for the tender deep yellow rhododendron 'R.W. Rye.'

Leading prizewinners in the RHS camellia competition are D. and R. Strauss, of Stonehurst, Ardingly, Sussex, who entered mainly *C japonica* cultivars, including sprays of 'Wildfire', 'Rogetsu' and 'Berenice Perfection'. A spray of *C reticulata* 'Forty Niner' is also impressive.

The following plants have received awards of merit:

Hepatica nobilis 'Little Abington', for the rock garden, deep blue double flowers, and Scilla bifolia, var praecox, for the rock garden, deep blue star-shaped flowers, both shown by the Rev R.J. Blakeway-Phillips, of Little Abington, Cambridgeshire; Saxifrage oppositifolia, for the rock garden, pink-purple flowers, and Lachenalia tricolor, for cool greenhouse, tubular yellow and green flowers from red buds, both shown by the Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

The show is open today from 10am to 6pm

# New bishop named



**The new Bishop of Exeter was named yesterday as the Right Rev Geoffrey Hewlett Thompson, Area Bishop of Willesden. The bishop, who succeeds the Right Rev Eric Mercer, is seen with his wife, Joy, a psychotherapist. His second name came from his godfather, Dr Hewlett Johnson, who was Dean of Canterbury and popularly known as the "red dean" (Photograph: John Manning).**

## Latest wills

Mr Bernard Harold Stuart Martin, of Little Baddow, Essex, left estate valued at £938,099 net.

Lady Mary Gilmour, of Albrighton, Shropshire, widow of Sir John Little Gilmour, left £205,044 net.

## Science report

# Interferon used successfully against rare leukaemia

By Stephen Young

**Interferon hit the headlines as the potential new wonder anti-viral drug to treat anything from cancer to the common cold. Exaggerated claims were soon discredited and interferon left the public eye.**

**The drug may not be the universal panacea, but nevertheless it has always held promise of being useful. Now two groups of scientists have independently found the disease against which it appears to have the greatest effect.**

**That desease, a form of blood cancer called hairy cell leukaemia, is very rare. It affects certain white blood cells which become covered with many small protrusions resembling hair, hence the name.**

**Professor Michel Boiron, of the St Louis Hospital, Paris, has recently found a marked improvement in 34 out of 35 of his patients with the disease whom he treated with interferon.**

**His results support those of Dr Jorge Quesada of the Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas, who first explored interferon's usefulness in a trial with four hairy cell leukaemic patients. Dr Quesada has since studied a group of 22 patients and is now working with 30 more.**

**Although interferon substantially improves the well-being of these patients, neither doctor can yet say whether it achieves complete remission of the disease.**

**They both plan shortly to remove patients who are doing well from interferon treatment and then monitor their progress. Dr Quesada is confident that the reintroduction of interferon will quickly check any remissions that do occur.**

**After hairy cell leukaemia, interferon shows its next greatest effect on Kaposi's sarcoma and on certain other cancers of the blood or lymph cells. Then, to a lesser extent, it combats kidney and breast cancers. But interferon has no effect at all on a wider range of cancers including colon and lung.**

**All the cancers in the group against which interferon is most effective, involve the immune system in some way. Kaposi's sarcoma, for instance is prevalent among Aids patients who are immune suppressed. And all the other diseases in the group damage various cells of the immune system.**

**Professor Boiron suspects that interferon encourages the production by the body's defence mechanism of a particular type of immune response cell – a natural killer (NK) cell – which acts against cancer cells. Whereas the cells production of NK is suppressed in all the interferon-sensitive diseases.**

**Certainly, the formation of NK cells is almost totally suppressed in hairy cell leukaemia, the disease most sensitive to interferon.**

**There are also trials to test interferon's effect on Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). There are three reasons for doing them.**

**First, interferon may help Aids patients simply through its effect on Kaposi's sarcoma. Second, Aids patients have an unusual type of interferon in their blood. Giving them the right type may restore the defence mechanism. And, third, as interferon is known to have anti-viral activity, it may have some effect on the Aids virus, HTLV–III.**

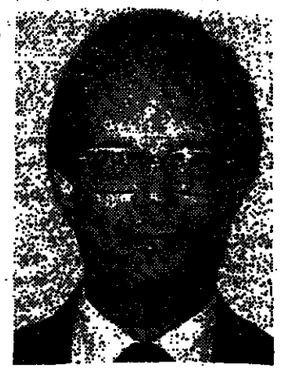
**All these explorations of interferon's functions have been possible only since adequate quantities of the drug have been available, and that means since genetically engineered bacteria have been producing it on a commercial scale.**

**So far, Dr Quesada and Professor Boiron have found the biotechnology variety just as effective as the natural product.**

# OBITUARY

## MR TOM ADAMS

### Prime Minister of Barbados



The Rt Hon J. M. G. M. Adams, QC, Prime Minister of Barbados since 1976, died suddenly on March 11 at his official residence in Bridgetown. He was 53. Tom Adams, as he was universally known, was one of the leading figures in the eastern Caribbean, where he was known as a political moderate.

Within Barbados he gave encouragement to the development of business and industry, and could take some credit for the rising standard of living. Externally he maintained friendly relations with the United States, and was one of the leading advocates of, and participants in, the invasion of Grenada in 1983.

He, like other Caribbean leaders, had been concerned about the policies of the New Jewel Movement, which had seized power in Grenada in 1979, particularly the suppression of democracy and the closeness to the Soviet Union. Barbados was used as a staging point for American marines bound for Grenada in 1983, and a contingent of Barbadian troops took part in the invasion.

John Michael Geoffrey Manningham Adams was born on September 24, 1931, the son of Sir Grantley Adams, himself a former Premier of Barbados in the days before independence. After education at Harrison College in Barbados he won a scholarship to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he read philosophy, politics and economics.

On leaving Oxford he joined the BBC, acting as a producer in the Overseas Service until 1962. He also read for the Bar, and was called by Gray's Inn in 1959.

Adams returned to Barbados in 1962, set up as a barrister in chambers by himself, and became an active member of the Barbados Labour Party, his father's party, then in opposition. He proved an effective politician, with a warm personality, and after the electoral disaster suffered in 1971 by the BLP as a whole, which he himself survived, became party leader.

He was so successful in building the party up again that in 1976 the BLP was returned to office, and Adams became Prime Minister and Finance Minister. He immediately introduced an austerity budget, believing that the general world economic outlook was threatening, and was rewarded over the next few years by seeing a steady improvement in the Barbadian economy. He was returned again in 1981.

A well-read man himself, he did much to improve the educational system in the island, took a special interest in housing, and was proud of the introduction of a comprehensive national health service. For the first time for hundreds of years, major new roads were added to the already dense pattern.

Adams was a realistic man who believed in seeing things as they were, rather than through ideological spectacles. He also had a robust concern for personal and political freedom, and when the New Jewel Movement staged its coup d'état in Grenada immediately suspected that a tyranny would be created there.

Concerned about the safety, not only of Barbados but of the entire eastern Caribbean region, he saw to it that the small Barbados defence forces were reorganized to a high point of efficiency. He was also the principal architect of the first stage of a regional security system which was already in place when, in October 1983, the Grenadian revolutionaries turned their guns on each other, as well as many of the people of the island.

Adams and other regional leaders saw an opportunity, not only to restore political freedoms to Grenada but to remove a permanent threat to their own security. They approached friendly states for assistance, and the United States and Jamaica responded to the call. Adams himself was as firm as any on the need for the subsequent intervention.

He was accused by some of conducting an unduly pro-American foreign policy, but not by many in Barbados. There was widespread support for the Grenadian action, not least from the official parliamentary opposition.

Adams's own view was that there was every reason to be pro-American when the interests of the US and Barbados coincided, and that in a wider context the values shared by the Commonwealth Caribbean countries and the United States represented a common interest. He regretted the decline of British influence, being deeply attached to this country's liberal values.

He was a man of wit and good humour, with a talent for inspiring devotion in those who worked with or under him. He married in 1962 Genevieve Turner of Ashtead, in Kent whom he had met at the BBC. They had two sons.

## EUGENE ORMANDY

Eugene Ormandy, who was conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, from 1936 to 1980, died yesterday in Philadelphia. He was 85. A virtuoso with an unusual command of rare and finely balanced sonorities, he was a self-taught conductor who reached the rostrum by accident rather than by the force of ambition.

Born in Budapest on November 18, 1899, he showed such an unusual aptitude for music that he began to learn the violin on an eighth-size instrument when he was only three-and-a-half, entered the Royal Academy of Music two years later and began to play in public, both in Hungary and elsewhere in central Europe, when he was seven.

He was only nine when he became a pupil of the legendary Jeno Hubay, only 14 when he received his BA degree. Two years later he won the state diploma for violin playing, and at 17 he received the state professor's diploma and a professorship at the Academy.

Early triumph led only to apparent disaster. When he was 22, he went to the United States for a concert tour only to find that the promised violin engagements for which he had crossed the Atlantic did not exist and that the only work immediately available to him was among the back-desk violinists in the orchestra of a large New York cinema.

It was not long, however, before he was leading the orchestra and, as leader, was called upon in an emergency to conduct. The single experience was enough to persuade him that conducting was his *métier*. The cinema orchestra's assistant conductorship led to radio engagements and appearances as guest conductor outside New York, and by 1931, when he deputized for Toscanini in three concerts with the Philadelphia Orchestra and was appointed conductor of the Minneapolis Orchestra, he had arrived at a position as a conductor comparable to that which, as a solo violinist, he had achieved before he reached the United States 10 years before.

In 1936 he became associate conductor, with Leopold Stokowski, of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and after Stokowski's departure two years later he took sole control of an ensemble which his predecessor and partner had moulded into a virtuoso ensemble second to none and which, by virtue of Stokowski's colourful public *Persona*, had become one of the most famous orchestras in the world, at home in the film studio as well as the concert hall.

Although Ormandy was in frequent and constant demand as a guest conductor, his visits to Europe were relatively infrequent. He conducted some memorable concerts on the eastern side of the Atlantic, with the London Symphony Orchestra amongst others, but it was his long direction of the Philadelphia Orchestra which was his life's work.

Stokowski's orchestra, as Ormandy inherited it, was enormously disciplined and splendid in highly charged scores. Ormandy, equally a disciplinarian and equally an expert contriver of gorgeous sonorities was a conductor with wide interpretative sympathies. Though he regarded himself as an expert on sound quality, from Bach and Vivaldi to Mahler, Shostakovitch and Prokofiev, his work was always responsive, sensitive and thorough. Though he had gradually concentrated the orchestra's work towards late Romantic and early 20th century works.

In a profession which creates its own mythologies, Ormand left behind no personal legend. He regarded himself, and was generally regarded by others, as a ferocious but good humoured slave-driver whose perfection demanded as much from him as from the players he controlled. His pursuit of beauty of tone and texture, though it was carried on with almost fanatical intensity, always admitted the fact that different composers demand different approaches.

In retirement he was made Conductor Laureate of the Philadephia Orchestra and he was created an Hon KBE in 1976.

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A routine assignment in Africa for cameraman Mohamed Amin, right, and reporter Michael Buerk, far right, turned into a startling account that told the world of Ethiopia's tragedy



### Anatomy of a TV story

In April last year Mohamed Amin, a Visnews cameraman, and head of the Visnews African bureau, went to Ethiopia on a routine assignment. The footage he produced impressed the BBC, which showed interest in organizing a joint team to return to the drought-stricken country.

That June, Amin returned with Michael Buerk, a BBC reporter, and the pair filed more stories on the famine. Amin told the Visnews headquarters that Ethiopia had three growing seasons of which two had failed. If the third went the same way, the country faced a colossal disaster.

Early in October Amin telexed the London bureau that the third crop had failed. The BBC decided Buerk should accompany him again and with Nick Njugna, a sound technician, he set off.

On their arrival in Addis Ababa the team gained permission, after 48 hours of arguing, to visit Makalle in the province of Tigre where the civil war was at its height.

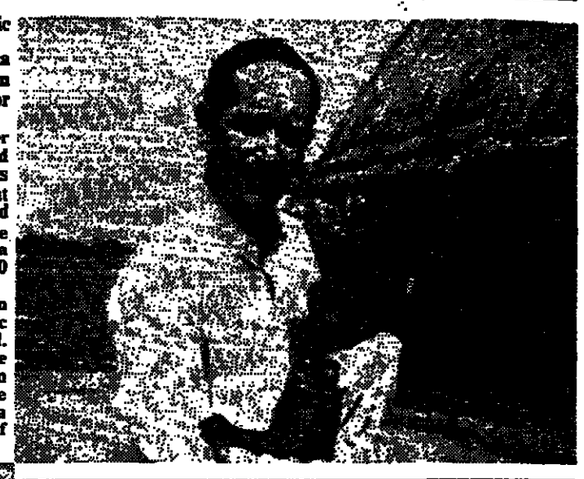
### The full horrors

The trio persuaded a charity, World Vision, to use its Canadian Twin Otter aircraft to fly them to Makalle, where they recorded the full horrors of the Ethiopian famine. In a week of concentrated work, they filmed the disaster, and finally convinced World Vision to fly them back to Addis Ababa to make the news public as soon as possible.

Amin, Buerk and Njugna flew to Nairobi, where the film was edited. Buerk took off for London with the tapes.

He landed early on October 23, and the BBC transmitted the first pictures on its lunchtime newscast. Later that day, Amin's camera work led the news bulletins of 425 of the world's broadcasting stations, a potential audience of 470 million.

The coverage generated an enormous surge of public support for the famine appeal. In the United States, the White House announced $30 million in aid the day after the broadcast and NBC issued a public salute to the work of Amin and Buerk.



# The rollercoaster on your screen

"For a brief moment at two minutes past one o'clock this morning the first television relay across the Atlantic was seen in Britain", announced *The Times* of July 11, 1962. "It was a hardly recognizable picture of a man, believed to be Mr R. R. Kappel, chairman of the board of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, made during the sixth pass of the satellite across the North Atlantic".

There was little hint in that rather sniffy report of the birth of Telstar that an explosion in the world television communications business had just taken place. The news itself may have changed little (President Kennedy in the first Telstar Press conference 13 days later announced: "The United States will not devalue the dollar") but the industry which gathers it has undergone an astonishing revolution.

Technology, both in space and on the earth, has made the global village a reality. The public, in Bridlington or Buenos Aires, Crawley or Calcutta, does not just want to see up-to-the-minute news film of Harriers dodging missiles above Goose Green. It demands it as a right.

The public of 1963 saw Telstar's grimy flickerings as a wonder of the space age; today there is a general expectation that an interesting event anywhere in the world will be recorded by the all-seeing, all-transmitting eye. When on occasion it is not, as was the case, for instance, in the assassination of Mrs Gandhi, the news bulletins seemed strangely lacking in authenticity. The world television news explosion has substituted experience for description, some might say information for gratification, slowly and insidiously over the last two decades.

> The public response was the direct result of one television news team, which succeeded in recording details of the disaster, thereby alerting the world

Perhaps the process began with film of the assassination of President Kennedy, when pictures of the shot man slumping backwards in his car in Dallas and tended by his wife, carried a shock of grief which was global for the first time. Later, coverage of the Vietnam War clearly played a key part in pushing back the boundaries of acceptable television violence to levels which would have been unthinkable to any television network of the 1950s.

Some would say that this change has replaced a distant attitude towards world affairs on the part of the public with an apathy bred by familiarity. Others would argue that it is the role of television news teams to report life – and death – as it is to the best of their ability, though it is difficult to judge how much the presence of a television news team may also shape events in addition to reporting on them.

One event of the last few months does disprove the claim that a daily diet of international horror makes the television audience more unfeeling towards their fellow citizens. The public's response to the Ethiopian famine appeal was the direct result of the work of one television news team which succeeded in recording a startling account of the Ethiopian tragedy and, through the very international nature of the modern news industry, alerting the rest of the world to it in the most direct and visual of ways.

Television news is more powerful, more free-ranging, and more active than ever, through agencies such as UPITN and Visnews, channels like Cable News Network and the busy in-house news crews of the international television organizations themselves.



What of the future? The late Douglas Muggeridge, then managing director of the BBC's External Broadcasting Services, made an interesting bid for a television version of the BBC's World Service a little over a year ago. It would be, said Mr Muggeridge, an international news service, initially to North America and Europe. "We need to act quickly," Mr Muggeridge said. "Faith, vision and money will be required. But there is little time to lose if we are to remain pre-eminent in world broadcasting."

Since he made that speech, faith, vision and money have proved decidedly lacking. British broadcasting organizations appear to have enough internal problems of their own without worrying about an international service. And in the diplomatic sphere there are pressing negotiating difficulties which threaten to halt the spread of outlets for world news.

Inevitably, this is bound up with technology. In the United States, the Reagan administration has authorized the Federal Communications Commission to consider satellite licences for private operators. Such is the speed of advance of satellite technology that it is already clear that American systems could soon have a footprint – or potential reception area – over most of Western Europe, Central America and the Caribbean.

The vast broadening of the reception areas of all television stations, not just those concerned with news, causes immense political problems. The Third World lobby for a new information order maintains that every country has the right to prevent foreign television stations being received by their citizens (though how, in practice, this could be enforced, except by jamming, is a matter of some speculation).

At the same time, the EEC has ruled that the provisions of the Treaty of Rome covering commercial goods and services include social and cultural services and, by extension, television. Consequently, the EEC forbids any restriction on the free transmission of radio and television broadcasts from one community to another.

Technical considerations alone are likely to make the EEC's view the one which prevails. Mr John Whitney, the director-general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, predicts that by the end of the decade viewers in most European countries will be able to watch, in addition to today's channels, up to five satellite stations, 30 national stations transmitted by cable and a host of other programmes broadcast from countries throughout the Continent.

The provision of strong news coverage is a key to any company wishing to have an important role in that enormous growth. Many companies have realized that this will lead to a huge rise in demand for television news. But the economics of news-gathering have, so far, prevented any one single contender, apart from Ted Turner's Cable News Network, entering the market on a large scale. The British film company Goldcrest, which toyed with the idea for a while, employed the former editor of *The Times*, Mr Harold Evans to look at the idea, but decided that the capital investment was too high.

For the moment, world news will continue to be dominated by the familiar names which helped pioneer the skill of news gathering - such as Reuters, the BBC, ITN, and the American networks. Whether their hold is punctured or not, one thing is predictable, whatever the sweeping changes which have gripped the television news industry over the past decade, they are as nothing compared with the rollercoaster ride of transnational broadcasting to come. A surfeit of television is on the way - and that means a surfeit of news, good, bad and indifferent.

> Whatever the great changes which have gripped the industry over the past decade, they are as nothing compared with the new-style broadcasting that is on the way

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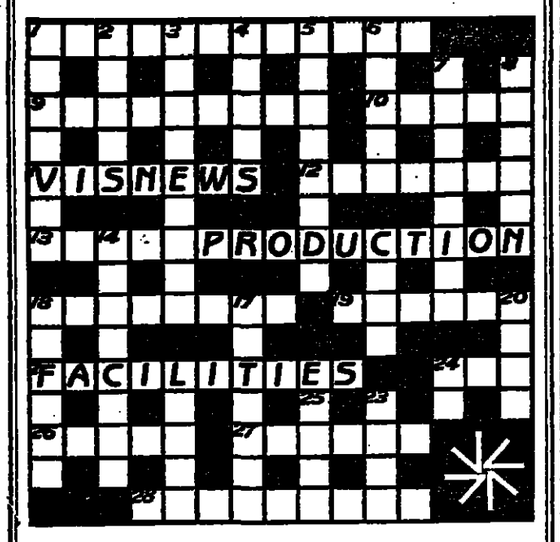


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# All the news that's fit to watch, for 24 hours a day

Ted Turner is broadcasting's saviour or the medium's *bête noire*, depending on where one stands. His Cable News Network began as a modest station in his native Atlanta Ga., US and has now spread to embrace more than 17 million subscribers.

While many established broadcasters favour keeping television in a loosely regulated market, in which the existing entrants are protected from all-out competition, Turner is an unabashed entrepreneur, preaching free-market policies wherever he goes.

The financial rewards have yet to make CNN a moneyspinner for Turner, but the network's global growth has been nothing short of astonishing. Its 24-hour news channel has broken the grasp of the main US networks on American cable systems, and CNN now boasts bureaux in Washington, New York, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and San Francisco, with overseas offices in Rome, London, Tokyo, Jerusalem, Cairo and Peking, employing a news-gathering staff of more than 600.

Last month CNN signed a deal with deal with British Telecom's international section to transmit the news service by satellite to Britain. Its output will be available to the BBC and ITV companies, but it is thought to be the growing cable television industry which will look most closely at CNN's offerings.

News is expensive to produce, so expensive that the British cable industry cannot finance its own news network, and that may make CNN an attractive buy.

A 24-hour slick news operation such as CNN could give new cable companies one of the things they desperately need to win subscribers – a service which is quite unlike anything offered by today's terrestrial broadcasters.

The fact that CNN is also a highly regarded news network in its own right, and one which disproves the general myth that all American television is bad, would be an added bonus for viewers.

In the long term, Turner is also thinking about extending to Britain a "lifestyle" service of light news items, entertainment features and gossipy pieces, a mix which sounds very much like TV-am, again beamed directly by satellite from America with the cable networks very much in mind.

Most industry observers believe Turner will be the first to bring an all-news channel to British television, though the BBC, Visnews and ITN have toyed with the idea too. The one independent satellite channel now serving British cable networks, Sky, which is owned by News International, is principally entertainment-led.

CNN is an attractive service with an international outlook which does not rule out co-operation with national broadcasters, who regard Turner's free market ideals with horror.

During the Falklands war, CNN opened a link with ITN's *News at Ten* and ran British bulletins on the campaign during peak time on American television, a brilliant move which lent a breadth of coverage to US newscasts which could not be equalled in Britain.

But, unlike UPITN and Visnews, CNN is an organization which is primarily designed to serve its own television channel, and is not, in the conventional sense, a news agency.

Its international success will depend, to an extent, on how quickly broadcasting systems are deregulated, and whether national networks manage to set up rival operations in time to beat Turner to the screen.

ITN's editor David Nicholas said last year: "As certain as the sun rises in the east, somebody is going to do 24-hour news. The most likely person to do it is Ted Turner."




From satellite to sitting room: A Polish newscast of 1982 and the Royal Wedding, as shown on the Cable News Network by Ted Turner (right)

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Visnews managing director Brian Quinn: Forging stronger links with America

Visnews is in the throes of a rapid programme of expansion intended to put it at the forefront of the world television news revolution. Competition, most notably with its arch rival, UPITN, is intense, and becomes more so almost daily.

The company came into existence as a profit-bearing trust in 1957 bearing the long-winded title of the British Commonwealth International News Film Agency. Today there is no disguising the fact that it is a mirror image to UPITN. While its rival came out of a merger of ITN and the American news agency UPI, the BBC holds a third of the Visnews shareholding. Reuters a further third, and the rest are split between Canadian, New Zealand and Australian broadcasting institutions.

The BBC has three seats on the Visnews board, including that of the chairman, Paul Hughes. The corporation's influential director of resources, Michael Checkland, and its assistant director-general, Alan Protheroe, are among the directors.

The company's international television news service, which is the oldest part of the organization, supplies a daily service of news and sport to 425 broadcasters throughout the world, distributed from London by satellite, videocasette or the European network.

The news section is designed to supply an unbiased and impartial service to all its subscribers, each of which receives up to 140 minutes of news a week. Most are tightly edited news items about 90 seconds long, but longer background items are also despatched, along with sporting events and light material.

The news service is run from London, with regional coverage offices in Athens, Bangkok, Beirut, Brussels, Cairo, Frankfurt, Hongkong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, Nairobi, New Delhi, New York, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Singapore, Sydney, Tel Aviv and Tokyo, a network involving about 400 cameramen. All are linked to a computerised messaging system to ensure that they receive instant notice of news development as they at happening.

The ability to offer instant reaction to any breaking news story is clearly the key to an agency's success, but Visnews has also extended into news-related areas to the extent that it now claims to be the world's biggest single television news agency.

It holds an extensive library of archive material amounting to 50 million feet of film and video tape. The earliest item is film of the coronation of Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and contemporary events from the agency's coverage add 15,000 stories to the collection each year. The agency also holds a large collection of stills of political figures and cities, which it sells to broadcasters, publishers and advertising agencies.

The company runs its own video production and satellite distribution services and offers television production facilities, from film processing to the conversion of videotape to different standards.

There is an active television training school which attracts students from all over the world. The courses offer a wide range of studies, from a television news curriculum which brings students into a fully equipped simulated newsroom to sessions designed to teach established documentary makers the latest production techniques. Prices range from £2,000 a person for a four week course in production and cable-television operation to £6,000 for a two-month course on programme-making for senior staff.

The company is also going into satellite operation, a move which follows from the United States government's decision to deregulate the satellite business in the US. That opened the way for BrightStar, a partnership between Visnews, British Telecom International and Western Union, which claims to be the largest transatlantic satellite carrier of television programming less than 18 months after it began operations.

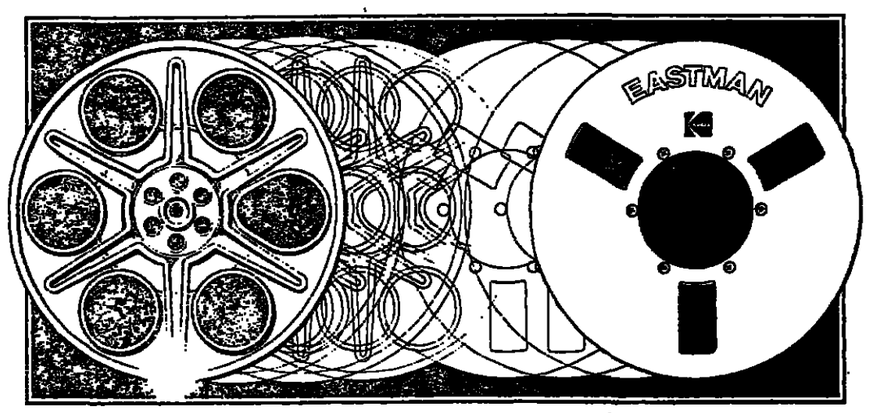
BrightStar uses two satellites, Intelsat across the Atlantic and Westar over north America, to provide a service which can reach throughout the US and, through Eurovision, into Europe. A dedicated microwave link can take a signal from Visnews in London to Goonhilly, where it is transmitted to Intelsat. It is then received in Massachusetts and relayed to Westar which can transmit it throughout the US. A permanent two-way link is in operation from New York and a dedicated access point is established in Washington.

BrightStar has become sufficiently established to attract customers from the natural rivals of the constituent parts of Visnews. Ted Turner's Cable News Network has used it, as has ITN, Channel 4 and several ITV companies. Though competition may be important to all television news companies, the very expense of their globetrotting business can mean that a level of co-operation works in everyone's favour.

The managing director of Visnews, Brian Quinn, estimates that traditional news agency work accounts for 65 per cent of the company's turnover, and is proud of the fact that the organization has not had to ask its shareholders for additional investment for 14 years.

The next logical step for Visnews is the entrance into running its own news channel. The pilot tapes already exist in the company's west London base. The idea is to produce a continuous news programme, principally for cable stations, which will offer a recycling round of items with headlines on the hour.

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# First on the scene at the Libyan embassy siege

UPITN has more than 150 clients in 70 different countries. They range from major stations such as Cable News Network to small national networks. UPITN boasts that it supplies every television station in Western and Eastern Europe, except the BBC.

The agency's biggest recent scoop was dramatic film of the Libyan embassy shooting in London in April last year. It had been hired to provide coverage of what was expected to be a routine demonstration outside the embassy. The machine-gunning of the crowd and the death of a British policewoman unexpectedly gave UPITN some of the most dramatic exclusive television coverage of the year.

It also become involved in a legal suit with Visnews, which has now been settled, over some footage of the incident which found its way into the BBC's hands.



Veteran: Ken Coyte

UPITN's president, Kenneth Coyte, is a veteran television newsman who now heads a fast-changing empire. The company is looking for new international partners, with the ultimate aim of having shareholders in every continent.

In five years' time, Mr Coyte predicts, the channel will have travelling news crews equipped with their own satellite dishes able to access telecommunications systems from anywhere in the world. UPITN is also interested in producing its own programmes for cable and satellite channels.

On a sadder note, Mr Coyte reflects that the hazards of news-gathering are also growing. The company has had three fatalities in the past two years, and two members of staff so badly injured that they had to give up work. In the previous decade they did not lose a man.

Mr Coyte says: "The stories have become more violent and the demarcation line between the warring parties has become more blurred. News has become like sport – no one is interested in it unless they can see it as it happens.

"Unfortunately, we are now used to seeing people shot before our very eyes."

The agency was formed in 1967 from a merger between the television news services of United Press International and Independent Television News. UPI had been involved in television news since 1952, and ITN was formed with the introduction of commercial television into Britain in 1956.

An important step forward for the company came in 1975 when it signed an agreement with the American network ABC which gave it access to ABC coverage. The American company took a stake in UPITN in 1982, followed in the same year by Channel-9 of Australia.

UPI experienced financial difficulties with its news agency operations during the early 1980s and sold its stake in the company in 1983, although it still supplies the company with basic services. UPITN is expected soon to announce a change of corporate name.

The company runs large news centres in New York and London and has a total of 14 bureaux around the world employing a total of 140 permanent staff and a network of 400 freelancers.

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SPECIAL REPORT



# The small camera that brings the big picture back home

Technology dictates the path of television news today almost as much as politics and shifts of viewing patterns.

There is scarcely an aspect of television production which has not been revolutionized by new broadcasting techniques, most of which are taken for granted by a public ever-hungry for better pictures, delivered more swiftly

The goal of television equipment companies, and broadcasting contractors themselves, has been to deliver signals more efficiently and to shrink technical equipment to a size which can take the television camera into situations where it has never been. The advances made in both areas have far surpassed the predictions of even the most technology conscious television executive of a decade ago.

As far as the delivery of television pictures is concerned, the principal advance has been in the growth distribution by satellite. Most major cities now boast facilities to enable travelling camera crews access to a satellite network and editing facilities.

Consequently a complete news item can be prepared from electronic videotape and transmitted in its complete form or, if time is of the essence, simply dispatched in its unedited state for final preparation at the home studio

National television news services have their own peak periods, allowing the differences in time zones to stagger satellite demand during the day. So crews from the UK and Australia, for example, need not necessarily be competing for the same satellite for exclusive material.

In addition to providing a transmission service for exclusive material shot by roving crews from individual network companies, the large television news agencies also offer their wares through satellite links. This busy traffic in satellite television is responsible for the up-to-the-minute international flavour of today's newcasts, but it represents only a small area of the flowering of technolgical developments within the world news industry.

The ability to obtain good news pictures is as important as the facility to speed them back to base as soon as possible. Developments in filming techniques centre on the emergence of what the industry knows universally as PSCs – portable single cameras, remarkably small cameras which herald a new revolution as important as the switch from film to videotape itself.

When news cameras moved from conventional film to video technology they gained much in time – since video film does not require developing – but lost something in picture quality. Conventional video has a lifeless character and lack of depth which no amount of editing can rectify. This is principally because conventional video cameras require separate video tape recorders.

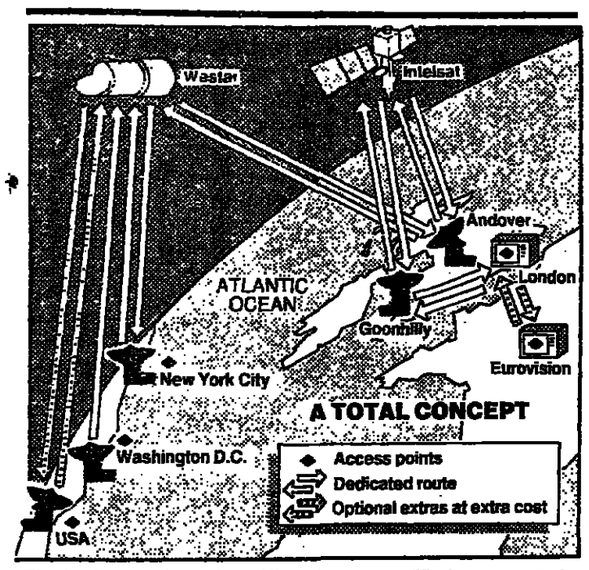
A picture is shot through a conventional lens and then must be coded and decoded as electronic signals to be sent down a wire into the video tape recorder. Any coding or decoding will degrade the signal.

PSCs overcome this problem by fitting the recorder into he camera itself, doing away with the need for coding the signal before it reaches the tape. The result offers two great advances for television news – pictures which are, at the least, equivalent to the quality of 16mm conventional film, and the shrinking of a bulky camera and recorder into one compact unit which can be used by one man.

PSC technology is still in its early days, but there is little doubt that it will play an important part in how the world's news is covered, offering the cameraman more physical and technical freedom than past video equipment. Its potential to cut the size of a television crew needed for location work has placed technology in conflict with a number of broadcasting unions, where PSCs have been the source of several disputes.

Ironically, though there are few agreements to use PSCs on news shoots in Britain, the training school at Visnews offers students the chance to learn how to use one of the most popular PSC cameras, the Sony Betacam, an opportunity which is likely to appeal to the many foreign television networks who are now turning to PSCs for their news, and sometimes drama output.

News production has also been greatly affected by the invention of sophisticated computer graphics techniques. These range from mixing machines, which can handle several images instantaneously, to computers which can generate a variety of graphs from a set of raw statistics. Even the simplest of news techniques – the still photograph – has been affected. Many news organizations now use computer memory banks to store images of familiar figures, doing away with the need for a conventional photographic image altogether.




**The busiest corridor of satellite television traffic in the world is between Europe and North America, and the BrightStar system, in which Visnews is a partner, is the most extensive transatlantic television link.**

**The system has an exclusive two-way link between London and New York. Signals travel from New York to the Westar satellite, come to ground in Andover, Massachusetts, and are retransmitted to Intelsat for the Atlantic crossing. They come down in Goonhilly and are transmitted to London.**

**Here an optional two-way link is available into the Eurovision system. BrightStar also has an exclusive link from Washington into Westar, transmission only, and can arrange for two way transmissions to be broadcast into the system from other ground stations in America.**

## A profile of Mohamed Amin, whose pictures of hungry Ethiopia moved the world and won him a prize



# A focus on famine

News cameramen rarely make the headlines but are a crucial link in the world news film machine which feeds the insatiable international appetite for dramatic pictures the instant they occur.

The job is hard, occasionally dangerous, and rarely offers public plaudits. One recent exception was the award of a prize by the Royal Television Society to Mohamed Amin, the head of the Africa Bureau of Visnews, to mark his work on the Ethiopian famine with BBC reporter Michael Buerk.

Amin, aged 42 and born in Kenya, runs his own agency, Camerapix, from Nairobi, and is known to picture newsdesks throughout the world. He was the son of a poor East African railway worker and joined a local newspaper in Dar es Salaam as a photographer from school. At the age of 17 he went into business with Camerapix, supplying stills to local and foreign newspapers.

Amin's break into television came through his contacts with African independence movements who tipped him off about the escape of two white South Africans from a prison in South Africa. Amin had no idea how to use a cine camera, but he persuaded a friend to lend him a wind-up Bolex, loaded it and filmed the fugitives arriving in Tanzania. He sold the results internationally.

In 1964 he had his first world scoop. A contact tipped him off about plans for a revolt in Zanzibar. Amin went to the island in advance and hired a dhow to get his film of the revolt to the mainland. Troops arrested him while filming the evacuation of British soldiers.

The authorities put him in solitary confinement for 27 days when he returned two years later, even though he had obtained exclusive film of a secret Soviet military camp.

Amin's release was secured only through the personal intervention of President Nyere of Tanzania, but part of the deal was his exclusion from Dar es Salaam. Amin was forced to return to Nairobi.

His first major award came in 1969 for his film on the assassination of the Kenyan politician Tom Mboya, during which he accompanied the fatally wounded man to Nairobi Hospital.

Like many news cameramen, Amin's interests spread well beyond the production of news film for the world's television stations. He has been involved in documentaries for the BBC and CBS, and written 18 books covering wildlife, travel and biography.

However, the Ethiopian famine has now led to one project dominating Amin's present work. With his frequent collaborators, Mohinder Dhillon and John Eames, he is working on a full-length television documentary on the famine across more than twenty African countries to be called *African Calvary*, echoing a phrase used by Mother Theresa during an interview recorded in Ethiopia.

All of the money earned from television sales of the feature will go to famine relief campaigns. The former West German leader Willy Brandt, the Pope, and Kenneth Kaunda are among those who will appear in the documentary, which has been filmed by two separate crews, since November.

"We wanted to use people western viewers can identify with, in conjunction with our actual coverage of the tragedy in Africa," Amin said. "We want to sustain international fund-raising and concern, and we want people to go on being appalled

"This isn't just one country that's starving to death, it's an entire continent. And unless the world does something really dramatic and long-lasting to help it's going to get worse, much much worse.

"That is why we had to make this film. This is one story I never want to have to film again."

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1984/85 High Low Company Price Ch'ge Gross Div pence Yld % P/E

### BUILDING AND ROADS

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 202 | 166 | Aberdeen Constr | 184 | +2 | 9.4 | 5.1 | 8.3 |
| 282 | 185 | Amec | 248 | +3 | 15.6 | 6.0 | 10.7 |
| 78 | 36 | Arnoldite | 38 | | | | 5.5 |
| 110 | 73½ | Ashtead | 103 | | 6.0 | 4.6 | 32.0 |
| 235 | 185 | BPB Industries | 230 | +10 | 10.4 | 4.2 | 6.9 |
| 291 | 182 | Baggeridge Brick | 256 | -5 | 15.0 | 5.6 | 11.9 |
| 188 | 88 | Barratt Devs | 170 | | 10.6 | 15.6 | 4.7 |
| 45 | 27 | Bailey(Ben) Constr | 30 | | 2.6 | 8.8 | 6.0 |
| | | Blackwood Hodge | | | | | |
| 194 | 118 | Bellway | 117 | | 10.0 | 8.5 | 7.5 |
| 76 | 53 | Benford Concrete | 60 | | 5.4 | 8.1 | 15.0 |
| 84 | 43 | Bett Bros | 55 | | 4.4 | 7.1 | 9.5 |
| 263 | 146 | Bickinsons | 246 | | 20.0 | 8.1 | 14.0 |
| 516 | 322 | Blue Circle | 516 | | 32.1 | | 8.8 |
| 218 | 182 | Breedon&Cloud Hill | 210 | | 12.0 | 5.7 | 18.7 |
| 68 | 46 | Brickhouse Dudley | 68 | | 4.6 | 6.8 | 17.7 |
| 89 | 47 | Br Dredging | 47 | | 2.9 | 6.8 | 17.4 |
| 23 | 16 | Brown&Jackson | 16 | | | | 12.4 |
| 73 | 57 | Brownlee | 72 | | 4.2 | 7.2 | 7.6 |
| 71 | 50 | Bryant | 71 | | 4.5 | 7.0 | 12.7 |
| 230 | 155 | Burnett & Hallam | 155 | | 13.5 | 22.7 | 6.0 |
| 155 | 105 | Cakebread Robey | 155 | | 4.6 | 2.8 | 21.2 |
| 68 | 42 | Carr (J) Doncaster | 68 | | 2.1 | 3.6 | 8.7 |
| 62 | 42 | Cassark-Readstone | 62 | | 1.1 | 1.5 | |
| 240 | 224 | Conder Int | 240 | | 20.0 | 5.8 | 9.3 |
| 240 | 174 | Countryside | 212 | | 7.5 | 3.4 | 11.7 |
| 116 | 86 | Crouch (Derek) | 94 | | 7.7 | 8.2 | 12.7 |
| | | Crouch Group | | | | | |
| 908 | 48 | Dew (George) | 48 | | 6.1 | 10.4 | 5.1 |
| 83 | 46 | Douglas (Wm) | 71 | | 2.5e | 4.8 | 32.1 |
| 139 | 95 | Ecrin | 108 | | 4.1 | 6.6 | 10.9 |
| 118 | 88 | Fab | 108 | | 3.6 | 3.6 | 12.4 |
| 157 | 71 | Do 'A' | 89 | | 3.6 | 4.4 | 10.1 |
| 154 | 116 | Finlay (John) | 121 | | 5.0p | 7.2 | 30.3 |
| 71 | 32 | French Kier | 69 | | 6.1 | 6.7 | 7.0 |
| 115 | 105 | Galliford | 110 | | 6.1 | 9.9 | 10.7 |
| 123 | 94 | Gibbs & Dandy Ord | 116 | | 2.6 | 1.8 | 47.6 |
| 230 | 183 | Grassmn (IAS) | 214 | | 7.1 | 4.9 | 8.1 |
| | | HAT | 96 | | 4.9 | 5.1 | 10.8 |
| 53 | 38 | Halcrow Bar | 38 | | | | 5.7 |
| 41 | 31 | Hamilton Stuart | 38 | | 2.0 | 5.1 | 12.3 |
| 161 | 108 | Heywood Williams | 136 | | 6.6 | 5.3 | 6.9 |
| 330 | 236 | Higgs & Hill | 236 | | 16.4 | 9.6 | 8.2 |
| 177 | 110 | IDC | 177 | | 10.7 | 6.1 | 8.6 |
| 208 | 168 | Ibstock Johnsen | 205 | | 9.0 | 5.2 | 10.9 |
| 223 | 132 | Ind Precast | 219 | | 7.9 | 3.6 | 8.2 |
| 229 | 138 | Jarvis (J) & Sons | 219 | | 7.9 | 3.6 | 8.2 |
| 244 | 196 | Laing (J)<br>Do 'A' | 219<br>219 | | 7.9<br>7.9 | 3.6<br>3.6 | 8.2<br>8.2 |
| 91 | 56 | Lawrence (Walter) | 224 | | 14.9 | | 15.0 |
| 220 | 156 | Lilley (F.C) | 67 | | 5.2 | 7.8 | 16.2 |
| 180 | 104 | Lovell (Y.J) | 180 | | 8.5 | 4.2 | 10.2 |
| 180 | 134 | Magnet & South | 180 | | 8.7 | 5.6 | 8.6 |
| 308 | 198 | Mc Alpine | 308 | | 14.0 | 5.5 | 9.2 |
| 235 | 189 | Marshalls (Halifax) | 235 | | 13.4 | 5.1 | 7.9 |
| 109 | 89 | May & Hassell | 109 | | 5.6 | 6.7 | 8.5 |
| 270 | 185 | McAlpine (Alfred) | 230 | | 15.7 | 6.1 | 9.7 |
| 169 | 89 | Meyer Int | 115 | | 7.9 | 6.1 | 8.0 |
| 136 | 105 | Miller (Stanley) | 119 | | | | |
| 136 | 104 | Monk (A) | 115 | | 9.3 | 8.1 | 6.5 |
| 234 | 164 | Mowlem (John) | 216 | | 16.0 | 7.4 | 8.6 |
| 610 | 410 | Newarthill | 610 | | 14.5 | 2.4 | 13.8 |
| 183 | 104 | Nottingham Brick | 180 | | 7.1 | 4.5 | 14.8 |
| 726 | 455 | Pearce (CH) Sons | 675 | | 8.9 | 1.3 | 13.6 |
| 305 | 184 | Phoenix Timber | 192 | | 9.7 | 5.1 | 6.4 |
| 256 | 196 | Pochin | 196 | | 17.9 | 9.2 | 4.1 |
| 478 | 336 | RMC | 374 | | 17.6 | 4.7 | 8.5 |
| 316 | 220 | Redland | 284 | | 18.9 | 6.6 | 11.4 |
| 193 | 118 | Roberts Adlard | 118 | | 6.4 | 5.4 | 10.0 |
| 36 | 27 | Rowlinson Secs | 32 | | 0.9 | 2.8 | 8.2 |
| 281 | 190 | RobertAd | 216 | | 10.4 | 4.8 | 8.6 |
| 140 | 115 | Rugby Cement | 138 | | 9.6 | 6.6 | 11.8 |
| 122 | 75 | SGB | 112 | | 5.6 | 5.0 | 8.9 |
| 77 | 57 | Sharpe & Fisher | 69 | | 3.0 | 4.3 | 10.9 |
| 70 | 47 | Smart (J) | 68 | | 5.6 | 8.4 | 12.3 |
| 538 | 406 | Tarmac | 538 | | 33.0 | 6.9 | 13.4 |
| 255 | 185 | Taylor Woodrow | 255 | | 17.6 | 7.8 | 11.0 |
| 134 | 88 | Tilbury Group | 132 | | 6.4 | 4.9 | 10.6 |
| 376 | 240 | Travis & Arnold | 376 | | 10.1 | 4.2 | 8.4 |
| 103 | 86 | Trend | 99 | | 5.4 | 5.4 | 13.5 |
| 215 | 147 | Turriff | 215 | | 10.9 | 7.0 | 16.2 |
| 197 | 132 | UBM | 142 | | 10.9 | 7.0 | 16.2 |
| 171 | 120 | Vibroplant | 136 | | 12.9p | 9.2 | 14.1 |
| 177 | 93 | Wand | 171 | | 9.4 | 6.5 | 8.8 |
| 176 | 93 | Do Dfd | 170 | | | | 8.5 |
| 104 | 68 | Warrington (T) | 68 | | 6.0 | 12.9 | 7.9 |
| 235 | 162 | Watts Blake | 235 | | 6.1 | 2.6 | 16.9 |
| 89 | 62 | Western Bros | 89 | | | | 13.5 |
| 88 | 62 | Wiggins | 88 | | | | |
| 200 | 156 | Wilson (Connolly) | 162 | | 8.7 | 5.4 | 8.6 |
| 169 | 95 | Wimpey (George) | 169 | | 4.4 | 4.4 | 7.5 |

### CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27½ | 19½ | AKZO N/V Bearer | 27½ | | 400 | 14.5 | |
| 256 | 146½ | Allied Colloids | 238 | | 9.6 | 1.3 | 27.5 |
| 377 | 283 | Amersham | 347 | | 7.8 | 2.2 | 21.2 |
| 270 | 95 | Anchor Chemical | 95 | | 6.0 | 6.3 | 10.2 |
| 82 | 63 | Arrow Chemical | 69 | | 2.4 | 4.1 | 10.3 |
| 62½ | 38½ | Bayer UM50 | 38½ | | 700 | 11.2 | |
| | | Blagden | | | 10.5 | | |
| 127 | 84 | Brent Chems | 123 | | 4.2 | 3.4 | 22.8 |
| 17½ | 9½ | Br Bismuth | 11½ | | | | |
| 91 | 61 | Br Tar Products | 91 | | 5.0 | 5.5 | 14.0 |
| 122 | 77 | Canning (W) | 108 | | 3.6 | 4.7 | 14.3 |
| 263 | 151 | Coalite | 238 | | 9.4 | 3.9 | 11.0 |
| 189 | 85 | Coates Bros | 170 | | 6.0 | 3.5 | 11.4 |
| 464 | 263 | Do 'A' | 140 | | 6.0p | 4.3 | 9.4 |
| 1395 | 67½ | Cory (Horace) | 1395 | | 70.0 | 5.0 | 18.4 |
| 151 | 98 | Crode | 138 | | 10.6 | 7.2 | 10.6 |
| 104 | 68 | Do Dfd | 98 | | | | 10.0 |
| 235 | 162 | Ellis & Everard | 224 | | 14.5 | 6.5 | 22.5 |
| 109 | 88 | Halstead (James) | 109 | | 4.5 | 4.5 | 12.8 |
| 473 | 338 | Hickson | 473 | | 16.3 | 3.5 | |
| 42 | | Hoechst DM50 | 536 | | | | |
| 664 | 530 | Imp Chem Ind | 597 | | 48.0 | 8.0 | 8.2 |
| 438 | 234 | Laporte | 408 | | 18.5 | 4.5 | 27.9 |
| 113 | 61 | Leigh | 88 | | 3.2 | 3.6 | 27.3 |
| 241 | 157 | Pilkington | 241 | | 11.1 | 4.6 | 15.1 |
| 215 | 118 | Reinhold | 188 | | 8.6 | 4.7 | 28.8 |
| 139 | 93 | SMA BPD | 139 | | | | |
| 116 | 88 | Staveley Fleetlite | 116 | | 5.6 | 5.6 | 15.1 |
| 298 | 198 | Wardle&Dudley (Rsk | 276 | | 9.6 | 3.5 | 14.4 |
| 97 | 58 | Yorkshire Chem | 97 | | 1.8p | 2.1 | 26.2 |

### CINEMAS AND TV

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 196 | 148 | Anglia TV 'A' | 148 | -2 | 11.4 | 7.7 | 10.2 |
| 155 | 98 | Brampton | 98 | | 5.5 | 5.6 | |
| 155 | 98 | HTV N/V | 143 | | 10.0 | 7.0 | 6.6 |
| 301 | 182 | LWT 'A' | 243 | | | | |
| 199 | 104 | Scot TV 'A' | 155 | | 11.9 | 7.7 | 7.2 |
| 199 | 104 | TVS N/V | 155 | | 11.9 | 7.7 | 7.2 |
| 37 | 24 | TSW | 28½ | | 2.1 | 7.3 | 7.4 |

### DRAPERY AND STORES

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 438 | 282 | ASR | 358 | -2 | 10.4 | 2.9 | 7.8 |
| 87½ | 62 | Associated 'A' | 87½ | | 2.9 | 3.1 | 33.7 |
| 129 | 88 | Bentalls (James) 'A' | 129 | | 3.5 | 2.7 | 10.9 |
| 110 | 78 | Bentalls | 110 | | 3.5 | 4.9 | 17.2 |
| 278 | 150 | Brown (N) | 278 | | 11.4 | 4.3 | 15.3 |
| 474 | 211 | Burton | 461 | | 9.5 | 2.9 | 23.5 |
| | | Caird (A) &Sons | | | 9.7 | | |
| 79 | 58 | Cavendish 'A' | 79 | | 3.6 | 6.4 | |
| 525 | 333 | Church | 525 | | 15.7 | 3.1 | 14.8 |
| 51 | 47 | Combined English | 51 | | 6.7 | 4.7 | 22.5 |
| 214 | 141 | Courts (Furn) 'A' | 214 | | 11.1 | 5.2 | 13.2 |
| 226 | 141 | Debenhams | 214 | | 11.1 | 5.2 | 13.2 |
| 115 | 81 | Dewhirst (J.) | 81 | | 4.4 | 5.4 | 7.8 |
| 617 | 452 | Dixons | 617 | | 8.6 | 1.4 | 20.4 |
| 288 | 208 | Empire Stores | 288 | | 17.1 | 5.9 | 8.3 |
| | 83½ | Ellis & Goldstein | 77½ | | 4.2 | 12.8 | 22.5 |
| 416 | 288 | Elys (Wimbledon) | 416 | | 16.7 | 4.0 | 20.5 |
| 149 | 113 | Empire Stores | 149 | | 6.6 | 4.4 | 11.5 |
| 148 | 115 | Etam | 148 | | 6.6 | 4.4 | 11.5 |
| 48 | 37 | Executive Clothes | 48 | | | | 3.5 |
| 316 | 220 | Fine Art Dev | 316 | | 8.5 | 2.7 | 24.5 |
| 210 | 162 | Ford (Martin) | 210 | | 8.5 | 4.0 | 10.0 |
| 175 | 138 | Formingtex | 146 | | 7.9 | 5.4 | 7.9 |
| 220 | 162 | Foster Bros | 220 | | 9.7 | 4.4 | 9.0 |
| 194 | 85 | Freemans | 188 | | 6.6 | 3.5 | 13.1 |
| 77 | 57 | Gelfer (A.J) | 77 | | 3.6 | 4.7 | 8.8 |
| 216 | 138 | Gent SR | 144 | | 6.6 | 4.6 | 8.6 |
| 182 | 46 | Goldberg (A) | 46 | | 2.3 | 5.0 | 6.6 |
| 219 | 168 | Goldsmiths Gp | 219 | | 9.2p | 5.2 | 8.3 |
| 199 | 84 | Greenfield Blacks | 199 | | 7.6 | 3.8 | 26.3 |
| 747 | 485 | GUS | 747 | | 22.5 | 3.0 | 13.6 |
| 480 | 252 | Do 'A' | 480 | | 22.5 | 4.7 | 12.3 |
| 404 | 252 | Halifax Mothercare | 332 | | 8.9 | 2.7 | 21.2 |
| 234 | 128 | Harris Queensway | 184 | | 5.2 | 2.8 | 14.4 |
| 395 | 295 | Hepworth (J) | 370 | | 27.0 | 7.3 | 13.6 |
| 197 | 70 | Hollas | 70 | | 3.9 | 5.6 | 8.4 |
| 284 | 117 | House Charm | 275 | | 5.2 | 1.9 | 33.6 |
| 146 | 218 | House Of Fraser | 292 | | 8.6p | 2.9 | 20.6 |
| 146 | 92 | House Of Lerose | 146 | | 5.6 | 3.8 | 17.2 |
| 98 | 66 | Jones (Ernest) | 80 | | 2.1 | 2.6 | 9.1 |
| 134 | 82 | Ladies Pride | 82 | | 2.1 | 2.6 | 9.1 |
| 151 | 101 | Lee Cooper | 101 | | 4.4 | 4.4 | 7.5 |
| 78 | 58 | Liberty | 78 | | 2.1 | 2.7 | 9.2 |
| 178 | 63 | Lincroft Kilgour | 178 | | 7.8 | 4.5 | 13.6 |
| 145 | 116 | Marks & Spencer | 145 | | 4.5 | 3.2 | 21.2 |
| 229 | 169 | Marshes (John) | 229 | | 4.5 | 2.0 | 14.1 |
| 277 | 128 | MFI | 236 | | 7.0 | 3.0 | 17.6 |
| 143 | 116 | Millett's Leisure | 116 | | 6.6 | 5.8 | 31.1 |
| 384 | 262 | Moss Bros | 262 | | 8.1 | 1.5 | 27.1 |
| 384 | 262 | Next Newsagents | 262 | | 4.7 | 4.3 | 12.9 |
| 265 | 225 | Oliver (S) | 225 | | 10.2 | 2.9 | 17.8 |
| 168 | 128 | Owen Owen | 168 | | 4.7 | 2.8 | 16.9 |
| 168 | 97 | Peters Stores | 168 | | 5.1 | 2.9 | 15.1 |
| 138 | 71 | Preedy (Alfred) | 138 | | 8.4 | 5.0 | 16.7 |
| 64 | 36 | Richards (Jewellers) | 64 | | 3.9p | 5.3 | 27.9 |
| 44½ | 18 | Raybrock | 44½ | | 0.7p | 2.8 | |
| 44 | 18 | Reedicut | 44 | | 1.7 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| 173 | 105 | Read (Austin) | 170 | | 5.7 | 3.4 | 19.8 |
| 113 | 84 | Do 'A' | 84 | | 5.7 | 5.3 | 12.4 |
| 215 | 118 | S & U Stores | 215 | | | | 5.9 |
| 128 | 97 | Samuel (H) | 122 | | 8.2 | 6.7 | 32.0 |
| 97 | 65 | Do 'A' | 97 | | 6.0 | 7.5 | 30.7 |
| 220 | 150 | Selfridges | 220 | | 8.5 | 3.9 | 20.7 |
| 284 | 116 | Simpson (S) 'A' | 210 | | 6.5 | 3.2 | 13.7 |
| | | Smith (WH) 'A' | 232 | | 9.3 | 4.0 | 16.3 |
| 45 | 38 | Do 'B' | 38 | | 1.7 | 4.5 | 16.5 |
| 271 | 221 | Stanley (AG) | 271 | | 11.5 | 4.2 | 19.5 |
| 148 | 98 | Stansberg | 148 | | 3.1 | 4.4 | 5.5 |
| 138 | 47 | Sumrie Globex | 47 | | | | |
| 253 | 204 | Thorntons Stores | 204 | | 5.4 | 1.4 | 34.0 |
| 94 | 34 | Tom-Consolate | 57 | | 2.9p | 5.6 | 11.9 |
| 156 | 94 | Time Products | 94 | | 1.4 | 4.1 | 7.1 |
| 224 | 163 | Ventura Wyella | 224 | | 14.5 | 6.5 | 9.5 |
| 291 | 193 | WW Group | 291 | | 11.9p | 5.7 | 7.9 |
| 238 | 161 | Ward White | 238 | | 7.9p | 3.3 | 13.8 |
| 193 | 96 | Waring & Gillow | 193 | | 2.9 | 2.0 | |
| 78 | 47 | Wigfall (Henry) | 78 | | | | |
| 635 | 336 | Woolworth | 622 | +10 | 14.6 | 2.2 | 16.6 |

### ELECTRICALS

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 560 | 371 | AB Elect | 497 | | 8.6 | 2.1 | 17.0 |
| 151½ | 84 | Amstrad | 79 | | 1.1 | 1.5 | 12.3 |
| 68 | 46 | Arlen Elec | 46 | | | | |
| 385 | 249 | Atlantic Comp | 385 | | 8.2 | 0.8 | 24.1 |
| 216 | 17 | Audio Fidelity | 17 | | | | |
| 215 | 127 | Auto Sec | 138 | | 1.8p | 0.9 | 22.8 |
| 298 | 204 | BICC | 298 | | 15.1 | 6.5 | 10.8 |
| 215 | 122 | BSR | 138 | -3 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 9.0 |
| 464 | 263 | Bowthorpe | 436 | | 7.0 | 1.8 | 23.7 |
| 1395 | 67½ | Br Telecom 50p P | 137½ | +2 | 8.2 | 6.0 | |
| 97 | 63 | Brown Boveri Kent | 90 | | 3.6 | 4.0 | 11.3 |
| 31 | 21 | Bulgin (AF) 'A' | 31 | | 1.9 | 7.7 | 29.8 |
| 334 | 100 | CASE | 334 | | 5.2 | 1.6 | 34.7 |
| 249 | 243 | Cable & Wireless | 315 | +10 | 15.0 | 4.8 | 22.4 |
| 405 | 295 | Cambridge Elec | 315 | | 9.0 | 2.9 | 16.1 |

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| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 334 | 268 | Abingworth | 329 | | 1.8 | 0.6 | |
| 243 | 128 | Aitken Hume | 188 | | 10.0 | 5.3 | 9.6 |
| 128 | 72 | Anglegrange | 270 | | 6.0 | 2.2 | 4.4 |
| 129 | 72 | Barlow Hldgs | 121 | | 6.0 | 5.0 | 12.5 |
| 153 | 131 | Barnsley Tech | 146 | | | | |
| 340 | 80 | Cannells | 120p | | 12.0p | 9.6 | |
| 80 | 60 | Chancery | 80 | | 4.0 | 5.0 | 7.5 |
| 153 | 131 | Hambro | 146 | | 9.5 | 6.5 | 22.8 |
| 112 | 47 | Ivory & Sime | 112 | | 4.4 | 3.9 | 22.8 |
| 176 | 165 | Majedie | 168 | | 8.2 | 4.9 | 22.8 |
| | | Park Place | 138 | | 6.6 | 4.8 | 22.8 |

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### FOODS

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 28 | Chaldis | 36 | | | | 8.2 |
| 173 | 112 | Do 7½% CPF | 150 | | | | |
| 235 | 166 | Cory Elect | 230 | | 3.5 | 1.5 | 39.5 |
| 358 | 278 | Cranshaw | 358 | | 25.0 | 2.9 | 11.5 |
| 89 | 67 | Dale Elect | 72 | | 6.4 | 8.9 | 7.5 |
| 138 | 86 | Dataserv | 138 | | 1.0 | 0.7 | |
| 20 | 14 | Dewhurst 'A' | 20 | | 1.1 | 5.5 | 11.8 |
| 155 | 132 | Downing & Mills | 155 | | 3.5 | 2.3 | 12.5 |
| 176 | | Dublier | 176 | | 8.4 | 1.9 | 15.6 |
| 288 | 232 | Electrocomponents | 288 | | 6.1 | 2.2 | 22.4 |
| 49 | 38 | Electronic Mach | 41 | | 1.0 | 2.4 | 28.9 |
| 46 | 36 | Electronic Rentals | 46 | | 4.5 | 10.0 | 28.4 |
| 215 | 116 | Emess Lighting | 215 | | 6.4 | 3.0 | 17.5 |
| 85 | 51 | Energy Serv | 85 | | 1.7 | 2.0 | 24.8 |
| 300 | 200 | Euralarm | 300 | | 8.7 | 2.9 | 21.8 |
| 168 | 155 | Ferrell Elect | 168 | | 24.1 | 1.3 | 28.1 |
| 168 | 155 | Ferranti | 168 | | 2.6 | 1.3 | 28.1 |
| 138 | 98 | First Castle Elec | 115 | | 3.0p | 2.6 | 12.7 |
| 51 | 24 | Forward Tech | 38 | | | | 14.5 |
| 180 | 160 | GEC | 166 | | | | 14.6 |
| 157 | 131 | Grovenor | 157 | | 8.2 | 5.2 | 21.5 |
| 176 | 152 | Gyll Signal & Control | 176 | | 1.9 | 0.4 | 29.1 |
| 168 | 136 | Jones Stroud | 136 | | 5.5 | 5.7 | |
| 168 | 136 | Kode | 136 | | 7.1 | 4.5 | 14.5 |
| 168 | 136 | Lec Refrigeration | 136 | | 17.9 | 9.5 | 6.9 |
| 168 | 136 | Logica | 167 | | 1.4 | 0.5 | 35.2 |
| 168 | 136 | MK Elect | 168 | | 13.7 | 4.8 | 8.7 |
| 168 | 136 | Memec | 168 | | 3.0 | 0.9 | 49.5 |
| 168 | 136 | Micro 88 | 168 | | | | |
| 168 | 136 | Micro Focus | 168 | | | | 41.0 |
| 168 | 136 | Multitone | 168 | | 7.1 | 4.8 | 16.3 |
| 168 | 136 | Nthorne Elec | 168 | | 5.5 | 3.3 | 9.1 |
| 168 | 136 | Murray Elect | 168 | | 6.2 | 6.2 | |
| 168 | 136 | Newman | 168 | | | | |
| 168 | 136 | Newmark (Louis) | 168 | | 17.1p | 10.2 | 5.4 |
| 168 | 136 | NEI | 168 | +1½ | 7.5 | 6.0 | 8.1 |
| 168 | 136 | Oceonics | 115 | | 1.1 | 0.9 | 14.4 |
| 168 | 136 | Oxford Instruments | 278 | +2 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 28.9 |
| 168 | 136 | Pelton | 168 | | 1.4e | 2.8 | |
| 168 | 136 | Pelcom | 168 | | 1.7 | 2.7 | 9.2 |
| 168 | 136 | Philips Fin 5½% | 21½xd | | | | |
| 168 | 136 | Philips Lamps N/V | 168 | | 7.5 | 4.4 | 8.5 |
| 168 | 136 | Pitco | 170 | | 7.5 | 4.4 | 8.5 |
| 168 | 136 | Do 'A' Ltd Voting | 145 | | 7.5 | 5.1 | 12.6 |
| 168 | 136 | Premier Con | 168 | | 5.8 | 3.1 | |
| 168 | 136 | Do ADR 25 | 21½ | | | | |
| 168 | 136 | Pressac | 118 | | 3.1 | 2.7 | 10.0 |
| 168 | 136 | Quest Automation | 168 | | 5.0 | 3.0 | |
| 168 | 136 | Reed Elect | 210 | | 2.0 | 0.7 | 28.9 |
| 168 | 136 | Resource Tech | 37 | | | | |
| 168 | 136 | Rostron | 136 | | | | |
| 168 | 136 | Scholes (CH) | 400 | | 26.7 | 6.4 | |
| 168 | 136 | Second Dilution | 114 | | 0.5 | 0.4 | |
| 168 | 136 | STC | 205 | | 12.5 | 6.2 | 10.0 |
| 168 | 136 | Solar | 205 | | 5.0e | 3.5 | 17.1 |
| 168 | 136 | Spirax Designers | 240 | | 2.4 | 0.5 | 57.9 |
| 168 | 136 | TDK | 231½ | | | | |
| 168 | 136 | Telephone Rentals | 210 | | 20.0 | 7.3 | 14.9 |
| 168 | 136 | Thorn EMI | 431 | | 26.0 | | 9.7 |
| 168 | 136 | Thorpe (FW) | 107 | | 5.0 | 4.7 | 10.6 |
| 168 | 136 | Tunstall Telecom | 136 | | 2.0 | 0.6 | 24.5 |
| 168 | 136 | UEI | 204 | | 7.5 | 3.7 | 18.5 |
| 168 | 136 | Ultrasnic | 240 | | 7.4 | 3.1 | 21.1 |
| 168 | 136 | Utd Leasing | 195 | | 4.9 | 2.5 | 10.2 |
| 168 | 136 | Utd Scientific | 195 | | 7.9 | 4.1 | 12.2 |
| 168 | 136 | VG Instruments | 195 | | 2.9 | 1.5 | 58.1 |
| 168 | 136 | Votec | 168 | | 5.0 | 3.0 | 7.5 |
| 168 | 136 | Western Selection | 136 | | 2.2 | 1.6 | 9.3 |
| 168 | 136 | Wilsworth Elec | 136 | | 2.2 | 1.6 | 9.3 |
| 350 | 245 | Wholesale Fitting | 280 | | 8.5 | 3.4 | 13.5 |

### HOTELS AND CATERERS

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 300 | 269 | Grand Met | 286 | +1 | 13.1 | 4.6 | 9.4 |
| 280 | 174 | Kennedy Brookes | 281 | | 1.8 | 0.7 | 18.7 |
| 282 | 182 | Lascelles | 282 | | 14.2 | 5.0 | 9.6 |
| 282 | 175 | Lon Park Hotels | 280 | | 10.2 | 3.6 | 18.1 |
| 50½ | 30½ | Mount Charlotte | 53½ | | 1.7 | 2.0 | 18.1 |
| 112 | 72 | Prince Of W Hotels | 112 | | 2.1p | 1.9 | 19.8 |
| 32½ | 22 | Queens Moat | 32 | | 1.9 | 3.5 | 16.2 |
| 271 | 221 | Savoy Hotels 'A' | 261 | | 2.1 | 0.8 | 34.5 |
| 185 | 85½ | Stakis | 183 | +1 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 18.3 |
| 161 | 94 | Trusthouse Forte | 157 | +1 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 23.1 |

### INDUSTRIALS
### A – D

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 134 | 88 | AAH | 128 | | 8.7p | 7.7 | 8.7 |
| 280 | 204 | ABM Research | 243 | | 8.2 | 3.4 | 8.2 |
| 128 | 91 | AIM | 106 | | 8.2 | 7.8 | 13.0 |
| 378 | 283 | APV | 368 | | 18.1 | 6.5 | 7.4 |
| 100 | 45 | Aeronson | 97 | | 6.6 | 6.8 | 9.4 |
| 188 | 116 | Advesd | 157 | | 9.5 | 6.0 | 10.9 |
| 118 | 78 | Alexandra Wrwar | 118 | | | | |
| 112 | 88 | Anchor Ind | 112 | | 7.9 | 7.1 | 8.6 |
| 112 | 88 | Applestore | 112 | | 6.5 | 5.8 | 20.4 |
| 168 | 88 | Appleyard Scamp Tech | 112 | | 1.3 | 0.8 | 28.9 |
| 34 | 17 | Aramson | 20 | | | | 9.3 |
| 40 | 16 | Armour | 23 | | 0.3 | 1.1 | 16.4 |
| 530 | 410 | Ash & Lacey | 414 | | 28.6 | 6.9 | 7.4 |
| 39 | 24 | Astley | 33 | | | | 6.4 |
| 18 | 12 | Assoc Br Eng | 12 | | 1.9 | 8.5 | 2.7 |
| 388 | 288 | Assoc Heat | 356 | -2 | 14.5 | 4.9 | 14.7 |
| | | Assoc Telecoms | | | 5.9 | | 8.0 |
| 21½ | 14 | Avons | 19 | | 1.3 | 6.5 | |
| | | Do Prf Ord | 20½ | | 1.4 | 7.1 | 7.8 |
| 300 | 153 | Avon Rubber | 300 | | 7.1 | 2.4 | |
| 48 | 32 | Ayrshire Metal | 32 | | | | 29.0 |
| 30 | 27 | BET | 28 | | 2.2 | 3.6 | 17.5 |
| 102 | 63 | BET Dfd | 68 | | 17.9 | 6.5 | 11.5 |
| 63 | 46 | BETEC | 46 | | 0.7 | 1.1 | 15.0 |
| 391 | 221 | BOC | 286 | +1 | 11.0 | 3.7 | 14.8 |
| 711 | 501 | BPB | 707 | +1 | 11.9 | 1.7 | 20.2 |
| 179 | 122 | Babcock | 147 | | 10.9 | 7.4 | 8.1 |
| 31 | 21 | Bamford (JCB) | 31 | | | | 9.2 |
| 177 | 116 | Barclay Pearce | 145 | | 21.0p | 6.6 | 8.2 |
| 118 | 80 | Barker Parkins | 212 | | 8.2p | 4.3 | 14.9 |
| 14 | 2½ | Barro Ind | 8½ | | 0.1p | 0.6 | 11.8 |
| | | Barrpool | 3½ | | | | |
| 440 | 295 | Barrow | 440 | | 7.1p | 1.9 | |
| 295 | 248 | Barlow Rand | 295 | | 15.0 | 5.1 | 9.2 |
| 247 | 200 | Barrow Hepburn | 247 | | 3.1p | 1.2 | 15.8 |
| 210 | 148 | Bath & Portland | 210 | | 22.0 | 10.5 | 9.9 |
| 298 | 240 | Baynes (Charles) | 298 | | 8.9 | 3.0 | 28.9 |
| 168 | 136 | Beazon Clarke | 168 | | 12.5 | 7.4 | 8.8 |
| 370 | 260 | Beckford | 370 | | 8.9 | 2.4 | 13.7 |
| 370 | 260 | Beecham | 370 | | 15.3 | 4.1 | 16.9 |
| | | Belgrave | | | | | |
| | | Berec Cosmetics | | | | | |
| 41 | 24 | Benlox | 41 | | 1.7 | 4.1 | |
| 165 | 115 | Bensons | 165 | | 7.9 | 7.5 | 6.9 |
| 178 | 115 | Berisford | 178 | | 15.0 | 8.5 | 5.4 |
| 215 | 152 | Berkeley (SW) | 178 | | 15.0 | 8.5 | 5.4 |
| 280 | 223 | Bestwick | 280 | | 19.3 | 7.4 | 13.5 |
| 391 | 280 | Beswood | 391 | | 8.5 | 4.3 | 16.7 |
| 16 | 8 | Bevan (DF) | 16 | | 1.4 | 8.9 | 4.3 |
| 168 | 136 | Bibby (J) | 168 | | 7.5 | 4.5 | 8.6 |
| 168 | 136 | Bilton (J) | 168 | | 14.3 | 7.9 | 8.7 |
| 168 | 136 | Bishop (Thomas) | 168 | | 4.5 | 2.7 | 9.2 |
| 168 | 136 | Bishopsgate Mnt | 168 | | 16.4 | 8.0 | 23.1 |
| 168 | 136 | Blackwood Hodge | 110

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# FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet**

## Money supply, back in the old routine

You would hardly have noticed from the foreign exchange markets that yesterday's money supply figures were well above what the money market analysts had been expecting. Sterling may have lost early strength against the mark but it held steady over the day as a whole, while moves against the dollar – upwards initially – were dollar rather than pound induced. The actual numbers are more important than the forecasts, mostly of little change or a fall.

What those numbers appear to show is that the effect of higher base rates in dragging the money totals safely within their targets is wearing off. Remembering that the wider money supply definition, the worse has it performed, rises of respectively 0.25 per cent in PSL 2 look like a case of back to the old routine. Perhaps the seasonal adjustments are to blame, but this would not seem an obvious moment to cut interest rates had that not become as much a traditional feature of recent Budgets as the little red box.

The central £M3 target has now become a bit of a face. Month by month, bank lending powers ahead at a far greater rate than the 6 to 10 per cent annual growth target would suggest. Monthly results therefore depend on the success of the Treasury and the Bank of England in manipulating the rest of the variables. The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement was a bit high at £1.1 billion. It is had to draw much conclusion from banking month PSBR figures, but the City consensus is still for a £10 to 11 billion PSBR for 1984-85 against the revised autumn target of £8.5 million.

On the other side of the equation, foreigners may have found our recent high interest rates too attractive, blunting the heavy gilt-edged sales, which still contributed £1.6 billion to cutting the money supply.

Looking back from present high interest rates, however, it is still disturbing that £M3, the central money supply figure, has grown 9.5 per cent over the past, almost the maximum targeted, when economic growth was below expectations. Either side of this MO has grown 5.5 per cent (well within its 4 to 8 per cent target) and the wider liquidity measure PSL 2 ha grown another expansive 15.25 per cent.

In America's booming economy, by contrast, the main money measures have grown abot 6 per cent in the past 12 months and the central rate is targeted at 6 to 9 per cent in 1985. German money has also grown somewhat slower.

Inflation in those countries is noticeably lower than in Britain. So Nigel Lawson can have no room for complacency in setting money growth targets in next week's Budget – they must be lower – or in aiming at the middle rather than the top of the range for a change.

## Alastair Morton's arrow flies true

Guinness Peat's extraordinary meeting to sanction its purchase of shares in Britannia Arrow and enlarge its authorised share capital passed with scarcely a murmur yesterday. All three motions were carried unanimously

This means Guinnes Peat can now become a significant shareholder in Britannia Arrow by exchanging its own paper for shares in the unit trust and financial services group which also owns Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank. Guinness Peat will end up with 38.8 million Britannia Arrow shares and £10 million of its convertible loan stock, giving it 25.8 per cent of the equity or about 27 per cent if all the loan stock is converted.

Guinness Peat has also agreed to chip in up to $150.000 to cover costs of gaining approval for the deal from funds managed by US investment advisory subsidiaries of Britannia Arrow. This is necessary because of US legislation which could deem the acquisition of a 25 per cent plus shareholding as a change of control.

The stake in Britannia Arrow is a undoubted coup for Alastair Morton, Guinness Peat's chief executive. It is of both immediate and strategic value. The deal also has the incidental advantage for the Guinness Peat board of diluting the shareholding of Lord Kissin, GP's founder and president, though it was reported at the weekend that Lord Kissin had bought enough shares in the market to maintain his interest at 9.8 per cent.

Lord Kissin is unlikely to be reconciled quickly to Mr Morton's direction of a group in which he still feels a deep personal involvement. That said, the fire of his opposition has been turned down.

Mr Morton, however, is unlikely ever to be short of antagonists. Britannia Arrow is still smarting visibly from the UK Temperance and Provident Institution's sudden sale ofits BA shares to Guinness Peat. It suspects that at some stage Mr Morton will mount a full-scale bid. There appears to be nothing Britannia Arrow and Singer & Friedlander would welcome less.

In the interim Britannia Arrow is likely to accelerate its search for a large acquisition or two, which would have the incidental advantage of diluting Guinness Peat's shareholding. Ah, the games these City people play!

## A taxing way to create jobs

When five economists agree on anything it is an occasion worthy of note. When those five economists, from various points in the Keynesian/monetarist spectrum, agree that tax cuts are a poor way of cutting unemployment, it should shake the Chancellor a little.

The five, Paul Ormerod (Henley Centre), Michael Beenstock (City University Business School), Gavyn Davies (Simon & Coats) Bill Robinson (London Business School) and Neil Blake (Wharton-CISI) yesterday addressed the theme of "tax cuts and jobs" at a conference organized by the Institute for Fiscal Studies. The conclusion was that income tax cuts run a poor third to public expenditure and lower national insurance contributions, as a generator of jobs through fiscal policy. With such unanimity among outside economists, what is the treasury's basis, apart from the ideological, for the case in their favour? The first point, as Professor Beenstock pointed out, is that conventional macro-economic models, including the Treasury's, pick up the demand-side effects of tax cuts, but ignore supply-side effects, which the Government believes, even it cannot prove, to be important.

The second point is rather more esoteric, but no less relevant for that. It is that the job-generating effect of tax cuts depends crucially on the retentions ratio in the model's wage equation. In simple terms, the retentions ratio reflects the degree to which workers will moderate wage demands if presented with an income tax cut.

If this effect is significant, then the picture changes dramatically. According to Paul Ormerod, tax cuts could then both create jobs and reduce inflation, with the final employment gain greater than that for an equivalent amount of public spending.

This is precisely the mechanism which the Treasury appears to assume is working, despite the fact that economists, most prominently Paul Ormerod and Michael Artis, have been unable to discover that the retentions ratio exists on any long-term basis.

The suspicion is that the Treasury is assuming a retentions ratio that it has yet to prove is present. If the model does fit the tax-cutting policy, adjust the model, not the policy.

# Sinclair seeks £50m to launch microchip plant

**By Bill Johnstone**
**Technology Correspondent**

Sir Clive Sinclair, the home computer millionaire, is to set up a revolutionary microchip manufacturing plant on a green field site withing the next year.

The £50 million needed for the first phase of the scheme is to be raised from the City within the next two months. This will be the first responsibility of Mr Robb Wilmot, the part-time chairman of ICL, who will head the project.

The details were disclosed yesterday to shareholders who own the 10 per cent of Sinclair Research which was sold two years ago for £13.5 million. About 30 of the company's 200 shareholders (45 institutional) attended the London briefing.

They were told that the company made £7.9 million tax profit in the first nine months of the financial year ending in December, it wrote off £1.5 million against post Christmas returns: £1 million because of price slashing it engaged in after the Christmas, £1 million because Prism, one of its distributors, ceased trading, and £1 million in advertising, when promoting the company in Germany.



**Sir Clive: bullish about his company's future**



**Wilmot: TCL chief who will head the project**

Sir Clive remained bullish about the future of his company and the computer market, despite losses because of few orders in January.

Most retailers stopped ordering microcomputers in the middle of December because of overstocking and only began again in February. Sinclair reduced the price of its Spectrum +(Plus) by about £50 to about £130 after Christmas, starting a price war with Acorn, maker of the BBC microcumputer, which has since been bought by Olivetti.

The microchip project is a significant departure for Sir Clive who to date has not been keen on becoming involved in manufacturing. The manufacture of his projects are subcontracted.

The new types of chips using a technique called "wafer scale integration", where more information can be concentrated on a single semiconductor, are fundamental to the future developemt of the Sinclair computer product range. One of the first products to use them will be portable microcumputer for businessmen to be launched next year, nicknamed Proteus.

Mr Wilmot who was partly responsible for returning ICL to profit, is likely to take shares in the new company. He has also become a non-executive director of Sinclair Research.

In a statement about his directorship yesterday, he said: "I am giving some part-time help. ICL is still occupying a major part of my time". He made no comment about heading the new microchip company.

Rothschilds is investigating whether it is to be a subsidiary of Sinclair Research or a separate company.

As yet unnamed, but expected to contain Sinclair in its title, the new company will be operational by the end of 1986 manufacturing 300.000 chips a year. That will increase to 1 million the following year.

No figures have been released about sales of the flat screen television launched by Sinclair Research 18 months ago, although 10.000 were produced last month.

## Hopes fade for Fraser statement

**By Philip Robinson**

Hopes were fading last night over whether the Government would make a statement today on the £615 million takeover bid for the House of Fraser stores group.

The Department of Trade and Industry forecast last week that an announcement could be expected today on two points: whether the bid by the Egyptian Al-Fayed brothers would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission; and whether restrictions, limiting Lonrho's influence over Fraser, it was once its largest shareholder with two directors on the board, would be lifted.

However despite parliamentary rumour of an imminent statement, Whitehall was giving the impression of delay and a statement tomorrow.

It is understood that the office of Fair Trading passed its recommendations on the question of a Monopolies Reference to the DTI yesterday.

Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Lonrho's chief executive, and three of his directors met Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday morning.

Lonrho has been arguing that the Al-Fayed's takeover should be referred. It holds a token 50,000 shares in Fraser and says it intends to make a bid some time.

Lonrho sold the Al-Fayeds its 29.9 per cent stake for £138 million late last year. It then bought a further 6.3 per cent and sold most of it to the Al-Fayeds on Monday for a £10 million profit.

## Kleinwort 'made loss on Telecom issue'

**By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent**

Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale, the merchant banking group which arranged the British Telecom sale, earned record profits in 1984 but it claimed yesterday that it made a loss on the BT issue.

The group said the loss was despite receiving fees believed to be up to £4 million. But it estimated that the publicity surrounding the share sale was worth about £12 million and helped to generate additional corporate finance work.

After four years of marking time as bullion earnings slumped, group profits rose by 40 per cent to £30.3 million after tax and trasfer to hidden reserves.

For the first time, the group also disclosed pretax profits. A breakdown of activities revealed that the merchant banking subsidiary had a bumper year.

Profit was struck after a £3.75 million provision against the £7.5 million indemnity Kleinwort's bullion arm, Sharps Pixley, is having to give the Bank of England to cover losses at Johnson Matthey Bankers, the bullion bank rescued last year.

The Bank has still not revealed the extent of JMB's losses. But in response to the Bank's initial indications, Kleinwort made a £1.7 million payment on account to the Bank last year.

This was done for tax reasons and Kleinwort is the only indemnitor to have paid money over although the indemnities have not yet been signed. The size of the payment confirms that losses at JMB are at least £200 million.

Kleinwort, Benson, which is paying £44 million in goodwill to acquire Grieveson, Grant, the stockbroker, revealed that it will invest about £50 million of capital in securities dealing, half of which would go into a gilts market-maker. But it stressed that it plans to remain primarily a bank.

Profits pretax but after loan interest rose from £32.5 million to £44.5 million in 1984. There was an eight-month contribution of £3.5 million from the US dealer in government securities bought last year. The merchant bank subsidiary boosted profits by two-thirds to £41.6 million.

Last year, earnings from corporate finance tripled while commercial banking increased its contribution by about half.

Bullion earnings continued to fall in 1984, slipping from £7.31 million to £4.97 million pretax. In 1980, the British side alone of Sharps, Pixley made £19 million. A final dividend of 9p net gives a total of 14p for 1984, up from 12p the previous year.

## Societies run short of money

**By Richard Thomson**

Fears that mortgage rates are virtually certain to rise by about 1 per centage point soon after the Budget were confirmed yesterday by figures showing that building societies were running short of money to lend.

Mr Richard Weir, secretary general of the Building Societies Association, gave a warning that any likely short-term base rate cut would not stop building societies raising their rates.

As hopes rose in the City that a half percentage point base rate cut was in the offing Mr Weir said that reductions big enough to close the 2 per cent gap between bank and building society rates were "inconceivable".

BSA figures for last month show that deposit inflows for the industry slumped to £474 million from £823 million in January.

The societies have called a special meeting for March 21.

Building society net receipts were depressed last month by a net £156 million repayment of money market loans. This reduced their total intake to about £300 million last month.

Meanwhile, mortgages promised to borrowers jumped to £2,008 million from £1,671 million in January, while actual loans rose from £1,645 million to £1,657 million.

## ICI plans £43m conversion to coalburning

**By David Young**

ICI has revived plans to convert part of its oil-burning power station on Teesside to coalburning at a cost of £43 million, and has signed the first big supply contract with the National Coal Board since the miners' strike.

The power station at Wilton will burn about half a million tons of coal a year, which will be delivered by rail from nearby coalfields.

The Government is expected to meet about £10 million of the £43 million cost under the coal conversion scheme run by the Department of Energy. ICI had deferred the project because of the uncertainty about coal supplies.

ICI said yesterday that work on the project will start this year and be completed in 1987. Much of the equipment will be provided by British companies.

This is the fifth major coal conversion project carried out by ICI in the past three years. The power station, originally coal-fired, was converted to oil in 1958.

## Glaxo sells Vestric for £15m

**By Jeremy Warner**

Glaxo is selling its pharmaceutical wholesaling business, Vestric, to A A H Holdings, the fuel distribution and pharmaceuticals group, in a deal worth about £15 million.

The acquisition will make A A H the biggest distribur of medical drugs in Britain

Glaxo said that the sale would result in a book loss to the company of £10 millin, which would be treated as an extraordinary item in the next accounts but would have "no material effect" on trading results.

A spokesman said that Vestric had always been run on an arms' length basis and only 15 per cent of its business was in Glaxo products.

The group decided to sell to A A H after an attempt to organize a consortium of British pharmaceutical manufacturers to buy the company fell through.

Margins in drug wholesaling have been under severe pressure in recent years, and in the 12 months to last June Vestric lost £900,000. But A A H said that after stripping out interest on loan stock and management fees, the company should make not less than £3.1 million this year.

## Call to support industry

A leading industrialist yesterday attacked the Government for failing to channel North Sea oil revenues into the rejuvenation of British manufacturing

Giving the Royal Society's Evening Technology Lecture, Sir Kenneth Corfield, chairman of the Engineering Council and of Standard Telephones and Cables, said that successive governments had failed to work with industry to improve technological literacy and as a consequence the country was not keeping up with competitors

He said that a substantial proportion of North Sea revenue went to the Government in the form of tax. It was therefore "difficult to accept the view that our industry should be left to the mercies of the external and often aggressive market forces all too clearly backed by more supportive competitors' governments".

## MARKET SUMMARY

### STOCK MARKETS

| | |
|---|---|
| FT Ind Ord | 990.4 (+1.2) |
| FT- A All Share | n/a |
| FT Govt Securities | 80.41 (–0.24) |
| FT-SE 100 | 1300.00 (+9.2) |
| Bargains | 27,259 |
| Datastream USM | 113.18 (+0.62) |
| **New York** | |
| Dow Jones | 1269.76 (+1.21) |
| **Tokyo** | |
| Nikkei Dow | 12,296.87 (+33.02) |
| **Hong Kong:** | |
| Hang Seng | 1371.51 (–8.60) |
| **Amsterdam:** | 208.5 (+2.3) |
| **Sydney:** | 783.9 u/c |
| **Frankfurt:** | |
| Commerzbank | 1216.1 (+10.8) |
| **Brussels:** | |
| General | 306.98 (+4.20) |
| **Paris:** CAC | 208.0 (+0.8) |
| **Zurich:** | |
| SKA General | 340.40 (–0.20) |

### GOLD

London fixing:
am $288.75 pm-$288.45
close $287.75-$288.25
(£285.25-285.75)
New York: $288.95
Comex (latest)

### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

| | |
|---|---|
| Audiotronic Hldgs | 6.5p +2p |
| Weeks Associates | 14p +2p |
| Health Care Serv | 25p +3p |
| Yorks Chemical | 87p +10p |
| Thermal Scientific | 240p +20p |
| Floyd Oil Par | 85p +7p |
| Mainmet Holdings | 38p +3p |
| J Hepworth | 178p +12p |
| Comb Eng Stores | 121p +8p |
| Pentos | 45.5p +3p |
| Low & Bonar Gp | 370p +24p |
| J Billam | 78p +5p |
| Coln Industries | 48p +3p |
| E Upton | 32p +2p |

FALLS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Bolton Textile | 24p –4p |
| Biomechanics | 15p –2p |
| Group Lotus | 103p –11p |
| Grampian Hldgs | 111p –10p |
| Select TV | 13p –1p |
| Metal Sciences | 13p –1p |
| MJI Corp | 14p –1p |
| Squirrel Horn | 29p –2p |
| Riley Leisure | 44p –3p |
| Slaters Food Prod | 68p –4p |

### CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.0912 (+0.0032)
£: DM 3.6375 (+0.0057)
£: SwFr 3.0870 (–0.0125)
£: FFr 11.1250(+0.0950)
£: Yen 282.55 (+0.65)
£ Index: 71.8 (+0.2
New York:
£: $1.0835
$: DM 3.3620
$ Index: 153.7 (–0.1)
ECU £0.611831
SDR £0.886272

### INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 13⅜–13⅜
3-month eligible bills 13¼–13⅜
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 10.50
Federal Funds 8½%
3-month Treasury Bills 8.53–8.49%
Long bond 95²¹₃₂–95²⁵₃₂%

IN BRIEF

## Rise in bank profits

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation disclosed a 4 per cent rise in profits to HK$2,591 million (£305 million) in 1984. The profit, struck after transfers to the group's hidden reserves, were slightly below some outside estimates and the shares eased 2p to 100½ yesterday.

The group is paying a final dividend of 31 cents to give a total of 46 cents for the year. It is also forecasting an effective increase in dividends of 10 per cent this year by promising tomaintain the payout on the capital enlarged by a one-for-10 scrip issue. The group expects profits this year.

**The Leeds Building Society yesterday postponed a vote by members on a merger with the Leeds and Holbeck Society because members had not received the relevant papers in time. The process would be delayed to give them time.**

## Profits up 90% at Bairstow

Bairstow Eves, the first firm of residential estate agents to go public has turned in record pretax profits of £3.06 million for the year to December 31, 1984, a 90 per cent increase on the previous year.

The company is proposing to pay a final dividend of 0.9p per share, compared with a forecast dividend of 0.8p per share. Earnings per share are up 33 per cent to 5.48p.

## Collins gains

William Collins, the publisher, is to pay a final dividend of 9p, making a total of 13p for the year ended December 31, after pretax profits rose 37 per cent to £11.75 million.

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## Dividend back

Belgrave Holdings, the property and engineering company owned by Mr Abdul Shamji, is proposing to pay a dividend for the first time since 1980 of 4.2p. Its results for the year ended December 31, 1984, show pretax profits rose from £34,000 to £2.29 million.

## Repeat payout

De Beers Consolidated Mines has maintained its final dividend of 27.5 cents to make an unchanged total payment of 40 cents (18p) for 1984. Pretax profits rose from R752.3 million to R932.1 million on a total income of R1,190.9 million up from R892.9 million.

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## Cheaper fuel

Esso is cutting the price of heavy fuel oil to its industrial customers by 0.5p a litre.


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## WALL STREET

| | Mar 11 | Mar 8 | | Mar 11 | Mar 8 | | Mar 11 | Mar 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMF Inc | 16⅝ | 16⅛ | Exxon Corp | 48⅞ | 48⅛ | Philip Morris | 90⅝ | 92⅛ |
| AMR | 39⅝ | 39⅛ | Fed Dept Stores | 55⅞ | 55⅛ | Phillips Petrol | 48⅝ | 48⅝ |
| Allied Corp | 39 | 38⅛ | Firestone | 17⅞ | 18⅛ | Polaroid | 25⅞ | 25⅛ |
| Allied Stores | 54⅛ | 54⅝ | Fst Chicago | 23⅝ | 23⅝ | PPG Ind | 39 | 39⅛ |
| Allis Chalmers | 7⅛ | 7⅛ | Fst Instrst Bncp | 45⅝ | 46⅛ | Proctor Gamble | 58⅛ | 58⅛ |
| Alcoa | 34⅛ | 34⅜ | Fst Penn Corp | 7⅛ | 7⅛ | Pub Ser El & Gas | 25⅞ | 25⅞ |
| Amax Inc | 17 | 17⅛ | Ford | 43⅝ | 44⅛ | Raytheon | 45⅝ | 45⅞ |
| Amerada Hess | 27⅝ | 27⅛ | GAF Corp | 29⅜ | 29⅛ | RCA Corp | 39⅛ | 39⅝ |
| Am Brands | 68⅛ | 68⅛ | GTE Corp | 43⅜ | 43 | Reynolds Ind | 82⅛ | 82⅛ |
| Am Broadcast | 70⅝ | 69⅞ | Gen Corp | 40⅛ | 40⅝ | Reynolds Metal | 36⅝ | 36⅞ |
| Am Can | 49⅞ | 50⅜ | Gen Dynamics | 76⅛ | 76⅞ | Rockwell Int | 36⅛ | 36⅝ |
| Am Cyanamid | 51½ | 51½ | Gen Electric | 62⅝ | 62½ | Royal Dutch | 54⅛ | 53 |
| Am Elec Power | 20⅞ | 20⅝ | Gen Foods | 60 | 60⅛ | Safeways | 33⅛ | 33⅝ |
| Am Home | 57 | 57 | Gen Mills | 54⅛ | 55 | SFE Sopac | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Am Motors | 3⅛ | 3⅛ | Gen Motors | 78⅝ | 78⅛ | SCM | 49½ | 50⅛ |
| Am Nat Res | 60¼ | 62⅛ | Gen Pub Util NY | 12⅞ | 12⅛ | Schlumberger | 38⅛ | 38⅝ |
| Am Standard | 33 | 33⅛ | Genesco | 5⅝ | 5⅝ | Scott Paper | 36 | 37 |
| Am Telephone | 21½ | 21⅛ | Georgia Pacific | 22⅝ | 23⅛ | Sea-Land | 42 | 41⅞ |
| Armco Steel | 9⅛ | 9⅝ | Gillette | 57⅛ | 58 | Sears Roebuck | 34⅛ | 34⅛ |
| Asarco | 25⅝ | 26 | Goodrich | 27½ | 27⅛ | Shell Oil | 59⅝ | 59⅛ |
| Ashland Oil | 30⅝ | 30⅛ | Goodyear | 27⅛ | 27⅝ | Shell Trans | 34⅝ | 33⅞ |
| Atlntic Richfield | 48 | 48⅛ | Gould Inc | 23⅝ | 24 | Signal Co | 33 | 33⅛ |
| Avco | 49⅛ | 49⅞ | Grace | 40⅞ | 40⅝ | Singer | 36¼ | 37 |
| Avon Products | 22 | 22⅜ | Gt Atlic & Pacific | 16⅞ | 16⅝ | Smithkline Beck | 59⅛ | 58⅝ |
| Bankers Tst NY | 62 | 62⅛ | Greyhound | 27⅞ | 28 | Sonay | 17⅝ | 17½ |
| Bankamerica | 19 | 19⅛ | Grumman Corp | 27⅝ | 28⅛ | Sth Cal Edison | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| *Bank of Boston* | 43⅞ | 43⅛ | *Gulf & West* | 32⅛ | 32⅛ | *Sperry Corp* | 51⅛ | 51⅛ |
| Bank of NY | 39⅝ | 39⅛ | Heinz H. J. | 47⅝ | 47½ | Std Oil Indiana | 61⅝ | 62⅛ |
| Beatrice Foods | 30⅛ | 30⅝ | Hercules | 34 | 34 | Std Oil Ohio | 44⅛ | 44⅛ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 16⅝ | 16⅛ | Honeywell | 61⅞ | 62⅝ | Sterling Drug | 28⅝ | 29 |
| Boeing | 64 | 63⅛ | IC Inds | 31⅝ | 31⅞ | Stevens J. P. | 18⅝ | 19 |
| Boise Cascade | 41⅛ | 41⅛ | Ingersoll | 48⅞ | 49⅛ | Sun Comp | 49⅛ | 50⅛ |
| Borden | 55 | 55⅛ | Inland Steel | 22⅛ | 24 | Teledyne | 262½ | 259½ |
| Borg Warner | 21⅝ | 22 | IBM | 131½ | 129⅝ | Tenneco | 39⅛ | 39⅝ |
| Bristol Myers | 54⅞ | 55 | Int Harvester | 10⅛ | 10⅝ | Texaco | 35⅝ | 35⅝ |
| BP | 24½ | 24⅛ | INCO | 13 | 13⅛ | Texas East Corp | 31⅝ | 31⅞ |
| Burlington Ind | 26⅝ | 27 | Int Paper | 48⅞ | 50¼ | Texas Inst | 107½ | 108⅝ |
| Burlington Nthn | 52 | 53⅜ | Int Tel Tel | 32⅛ | 32⅝ | Texas Utilities | 29⅛ | 29⅞ |
| Burroughs | 60⅝ | 61½ | Irving Bank | 33⅜ | 33⅝ | Textron | 40 | 41⅛ |
| Campbell Soup | 69⅞ | 70 | Jim Walter | 34 | 33⅞ | TWA | 35⅛ | 35½ |
| Canadian Pacific | 43⅞ | 43½ | Johnson & Johns | 39 | 39⅞ | Travelers Corp | 42½ | 42⅝ |
| Caterpillar | 31⅞ | 31⅞ | Kaiser Alumin | 14 | 14 | TRW Inc | 78 | 79 |
| Celanese | 90½ | 91⅛ | Kerr McGee | 31 | 31½ | UAL Inc | 46⅝ | 46⅝ |
| Central Soya | 18⅛ | 18⅛ | Kimberly Clark | 48⅝ | 49 | Union Carbide | 38⅝ | 38⅛ |
| Champion | 21⅝ | 22 | K Mart | 34⅞ | 34⅞ | Unocal | 46⅝ | 46⅝ |
| Chase Manhat | 51½ | 51⅝ | Kroger | 40⅝ | 40 | Un Pacific Corp | 46⅝ | 47¼ |
| Chem Bank NY | 38⅛ | 39 | L.T.V. Corp | 10½ | 10⅝ | Unitroyal | 14⅝ | 15 |
| Chevron | 34 | 34⅜ | Litton | 67½ | 67⅝ | United Brands | 13½ | 13⅞ |
| Chrysler | 32⅛ | 33 | Lockheed | 49 | 49⅛ | US Steel | 26⅞ | 28⅝ |
| Citicorp | 41¼ | 41⅝ | Lucky Stores | 19⅝ | 19⅝ | Utd Technol | 42⅝ | 42⅝ |
| Clark Equip | 28⅝ | 29⅛ | Manuf Hanover | 37 | 37⅞ | Wachovia | 31½ | 31½ |
| Coca Cola | 65 | 65⅛ | Marine Midland | 32⅛ | 32⅛ | Warner Lambert | 37⅝ | 37⅜ |
| Colgate | 23⅛ | 23⅛ | Mapco | 31 | 31½ | Wells Fargo | 54⅛ | 53⅝ |
| CBS | 84⅝ | 85⅞ | Marine Midland | 32⅛ | 32⅛ | Westnghse Elec | 31 | 31 |
| Columbia Gas | 29½ | 29⅜ | Martin Marietta | 50¼ | 48⅝ | Weyerhauser | 29⅛ | 29⅜ |
| Combustion Eng | 35 | 35⅜ | McDonnell | 79⅛ | 79⅛ | Whirlpool | 46⅛ | 46⅞ |
| Comwith Edison | 28⅛ | 28⅛ | Mead | 36⅞ | 36⅝ | Woolworth | 39⅜ | 39⅛ |
| Cons Edison | 30⅝ | 30⅝ | Merck | 99⅜ | 99⅝ | Xerox Corp | 44⅛ | 44⅜ |
| Cons Foods | 35⅝ | 35⅛ | Minnesota Mng | 82⅝ | 83⅝ | Zenith | 21⅛ | 20⅝ |
| Cons Power | 6⅝ | 6⅛ | Mobil Oil | 29⅛ | 29⅝ | | | |
| Control Data | 34⅛ | 35⅛ | Monsanto | 44 | 44⅛ | **CANADIAN PRICES** | | |
| Corning Glass | 37⅜ | 37⅞ | Morgan J. P. | 45⅝ | 45⅛ | Abitibi | 50⅛ | 50⅛ |
| CPC Intl | 42⅛ | 42⅛ | Motorola | 32⅝ | 33 | Alcan Alumin | 37⅛ | 37⅛ |
| Crane | 34⅝ | 34⅛ | NCR Corp | 28⅛ | 28⅞ | Algoma Steel | 21⅛ | 22⅛ |
| Crocker Int | 25⅜ | 25⅛ | NL Industries | 12⅛ | 12⅛ | Bell Telephone | 39⅝ | 39⅞ |
| Crown Zeller | 36⅛ | 36⅝ | Nabisco | 54⅛ | 54 | Can Pacific | 60⅛ | 60⅛ |
| Dart & Kraft | 62 | 62⅛ | Nat Distillers | 26⅝ | 26⅝ | Cominco | 13⅞ | 13⅞ |
| Deere | 31⅛ | 31⅞ | Nat Med Ent | 25⅞ | 26½ | Cons Bathurst | 17⅝ | 17⅞ |
| Delta Air | 46 | 46⅝ | Norfolk South | 65⅝ | 66 | Gulf Oil | 17⅛ | 17⅛ |
| Detroit Edison | 15⅞ | 15⅛ | NW Bancorp | 25⅝ | 26 | Hawker/Sid Can | 22 | 22⅛ |
| Digital Equip | 105⅞ | 104⅞ | Occidental Pet | 27⅛ | 28 | Hudson Bay Min | 6⅞ | 7⅛ |
| Disney | 74⅛ | 74⅞ | Ogden | 31⅛ | 31⅜ | Imasco | 55⅛ | 55 |
| Dow Chemical | 29⅜ | 29⅝ | Olin Corp | 35⅝ | 35½ | Imperial Oil | 48⅛ | 48⅞ |
| Dresser Ind | 20⅞ | 21 | Owens-Illinois | 40⅛ | 40⅝ | Int Pipe | 35 | 35⅛ |
| Duke Power | 30 | 29⅞ | Pacific Gas Elec | 16⅝ | 17⅛ | Mess.-Fergan | 3.30 | 3.50 |
| Du Pont | 52⅛ | 52⅜ | Pan Am | 4⅝ | 4⅝ | Royal Trustco | 19⅛ | 19 |
| Eastern Air | 5⅝ | 5⅞ | Penney J. C. | 47 | 47⅛ | Seagram | 58⅛ | 58⅝ |
| Eastman Kodak | 69⅝ | 69⅛ | Pennzoil | 47⅞ | 47 | Steel Co | 22⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Eaton Corp | 56⅛ | 55⅞ | Pepsico | 48⅛ | 48 | Thomson N 'A' | 57 | 57 |
| Emerson Elect | 75⅛ | 75⅝ | Pfizer | 39⅝ | 40⅞ | Walker Hiram | 28⅝ | 28⅛ |
| Evans Prod | 2¼ | 2⅜ | Phelps Dodge | 18⅝ | 18⅞ | WCT | 15⅛ | 15 |

‡ Ex div. a Asked. e Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

# Dow edges ahead

**New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Shares were narrowly higher in *moderate trading* yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.77 of a point to 1269.32.**

**Advancing issues were about 50 issues ahead of declining ones after trailing earlier.**

**Mr Eldon Grimm of Birr Wilson said: "Corporate earnings estimates for the first quarter are beginning to come out now indicating a mixed *outlook* largely because of the imports problem.**

**"The decline in the dollar yesterday indicates a trend that eventually should help profits.**

**"The Dow dropped below 1270 level on Monday, but there was no volume in the selling. So it is reasonable to look for a rally today with the Dow down 32 points from its highs."**

**International Business Machines was unchanged at 131½; General Motors was up ⅛ to 78⅝; Teledyne was up ⅝ at 262½; Texas Insturments was up ⅞ to 108¾; American Telephone at 21⅝ was up ⅛; General Electric was up ⅛ at 62¾; Data General was down ⅝ at 48¾ and Digital Equipment was up ½ to 106⅝.**

**Chicago Milwaukee was 158 down 2⅛; General Dynamics at 76½ was unchanged; West Point Pepperell at 36½ was down 1⅜; Merck at 99⅝ was up ¼; Mobil at 29¾ was up ⅛; AMR 40⅛ up ½ and Crown Zellerbach 36⅝ was up ⅜.**

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Est Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Three Month Sterling** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 86.70 | 87.00 | 86.56 | 86.69 | 63 |
| Jun 85 | 88.00 | 88.80 | 88.21 | 88.31 | 2812 |
| Sep 85 | 89.25 | 89.25 | 88.75 | 88.80 | 298 |
| Dec 85 | 88.90 | 89.90 | 88.70 | 88.73 | 51 |
| Mar 86 | | | | 88.48 | |
| Previous day's total open interest 6962 | | | | | |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | | | | | |
| Jun 85 | 89.80 | 89.85 | 88.43 | 89.47 | 7332 |
| Sep 85 | 89.07 | 89.11 | 88.80 | 88.83 | 1207 |
| Dec 85 | 88.75 | 88.77 | 88.52 | 88.58 | 569 |
| Mar 86 | 88.50 | 88.50 | 88.28 | 88.30 | 250 |
| Jun 85 | 88.28 | 88.28 | 88.26 | 88.09 | 200 |
| Previous day's total open interest 15181 | | | | | |
| **US Treasury Bond** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 69.22 | 69.22 | 69.14 | 69.14 | 59 |
| Jun 85 | 68.26 | 68.26 | 68.14 | 68.17 | 1194 |
| Sep 85 | NT | | | | |
| Dec 85 | NT | | | | |
| Previous day's total open interest 2733 | | | | | |
| **Long Gilt** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 105-06 | 105-09 | 104-08 | 104-07 | 147 |
| Jun 85 | 106-00 | 106-00 | 104-26 | 104-28 | 4524 |
| Sep 85 | | | | 108-03 | 0 |
| Dec 85 | | | | 107-13 | 0 |
| Mar 85 | | | | 107-03 | 0 |
| Previous day's total open interest 4543 | | | | | |
| **FT-SE 100** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 129.30 | 129.90 | 129.10 | 129.35 | 324 |
| Jun 85 | 129.95 | 130.20 | 129.50 | 129.85 | 103 |
| Mar 85 | | | | 130.20 | 0 |
| Previous day's total open interest 582 | | | | | |

## COMMODITIES

**LONDON COMMODITY PRICES**
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

**RUBBER**

| | |
|---|---|
| Apr | 750–15 |
| May | 780–25 |
| Jun | 770–35 |
| Jul | 780–45 |
| Aug | 790–55 |
| Sep | 800–795 |
| Oct | 810–775 |
| Nov | 820–785 |
| Dec | 830–795 |
| Apr/Jun | 765–725 |
| Jul/Sep | 795–755 |
| Oct/Dec | 825–785 |
| Vol ....Nil at five, two at 15 tonnes | |

**SUGAR**

| | |
|---|---|
| May | 113.0–112.6 |
| Aug | 118.0–118.4 |
| Oct | 125.0–24.6 |
| Dec | 132.0–30.6 |
| Mar | 145.2–44.6 |
| May | 150.4–49.6 |
| Aug | 157.4–55.8 |
| Vol | 989 |

**COCOA**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mar | 2120–10 |
| May | 2295–84 |
| Jly | 2068–65 |
| Sep | 2052–47 |
| Dec | 1962–61 |
| Mar | 1960–55 |
| May | 1960–52 |
| Vol | 630/595 |

**COFFEE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mar | 2380–78 |
| May | 2430–28 |
| Jly | 2468–65 |
| Sep | 2496–95 |
| Nov | 2496–95 |
| Jan | 2455–50 |
| Mar | 2425–20 |
| Vol | 131/6330 |

**GAS OIL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Mar | 236.75–3650 |
| Apr | 224.50–2425 |
| May | 220.50–2025 |
| Jne | 216.50–1800 |
| Jly | 219.00–1850 |
| Aug | 223.00–1900 |
| Sep | 225.75–2100 |
| Oct | 230.00–1900 |
| Nov | 235.00–1800 |
| Vol | Nil/1018 |

**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

**COPPER HIGH GRADE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 1262.0-1263.00 |
| Three months | 1279.0-1279.50 |
| T/O | 5400 |
| Tone | Easier |

**STANDARD CATHODES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 1245.0-1247.0 |
| Three months | 1268.0-1270.0 |
| T/O | 50 |
| Tone | Easier |

**TIN STANDARD**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 10140-10150 |
| Three months | 10135-10145 |
| T/O | 245 |
| Tone | Carries and switches |

**TIN HIGH-GRADE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 10140-10150 |
| Three months | 10155-10156 |
| T/O | 30 |
| Tone | Barely steady |

**LEAD**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 318-319.0 |
| Three months | 326.50-327.0 |
| T/O | 5050 |
| Tone | Easier |

**ZINC STANDARD**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 817-18 |
| Three months | 838.0-838.50 |
| T/O | 4050 |
| Tone | Easier |

**ZINC HIGH GRADE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 832-37 |
| Three months | 830-835 |
| T/O | Nil |
| Tone | Idle |

**SILVER LARGE**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 510.0-511.0 |
| Three months | 527.5-528.0 |
| T/O | 34 |
| Tone | Quiet |

**SILVER SMALL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 510.0-511.0 |
| Three months | 527.5-528.0 |
| T/O | Nil |
| Tone | Idle |

**ALUMINIUM**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 1001.0-1002.0 |
| Three months | 1036.0-1036.0 |
| T/O | 8100 |
| Tone | Barely steady |

**NICKEL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 4575-4680 |
| Three months | 4755-4760 |
| Tone | Steady |

**LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET**
No significant deals struck yesterday.

**MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:**
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 12:
GB: Cattle, 94.38p per kg lw (–0.92).
GB: Sheep, 155.05p per kg est d c w (+14.74).
GB: Pigs, 78.83p per kg lw (–0.85).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 1.7 per cent, ave. price, 93.26p (–1.15).
Sheep nos. down 10.2 per cent, ave. price, 195.49p (+14.24).
Pig nos. up 3.2 per cent, ave. price, 78.22p (–0.63).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 11.0 per cent, ave. price, 97.65p (+0.08).
Sheep nos. down 8.1 per cent, ave. price, 193.48p (+16.82).
Pig nos. up 3.2 per cent, ave. price, 84.49p (–0.93).

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET**

| Month | Wheat Close | Barley Close |
|---|---|---|
| Mar | £115.40 | £113.90 |
| May | £118.50 | £116.85 |
| Jul | £122.25 | – |
| Sep | £97.90 | £97.50 |
| Nov | £101.10 | £101.20 |
| Jan | £104.75 | £104.60 |

Total lots traded
Wheat ..... 353
Barley ..... 63

## APPOINTMENTS

Pergamon InfoLine: Mr Jim Ducker has been made managing director.

The Post Office: Mr Pat Nield is to become director of London Mails Operations, and Mr Keith Webb is made the national director of Parcels Operations.

Tilbury Homes: Mr Trevor Slater has been named managing director.

Persimmon Homes: Mr Brian Taylor has been appointed group finance director.



Keith Webb: parcels director

Raad van Commissarissen: Mr Gerrit van der Woude has been made chairman.

Crothall & Co: Mr Allan Ward is to be managing director.

Building Employers Confederation (London Region): Mr John C W Roberts has been *made president*. Mr George W Hammond has been elected senior vice-president.

Sterling Public Relation: Mr Alan Watson has been appointed deputy chairman.

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 179 | 119 | Aberdeen | 179 | +1 | 7.5 | 4.2 | .. |
| 101 | 56 | Alba | 101 | .. | 2.0b | 2.0 | .. |
| 698 | 438 | Alliance | 690 | ● .. | 24.5 | 3.6 | .. |
| 156 | 88½ | Amer Trust | 151 | -1 | 3.6 | 2.4 | .. |
| 282 | 219 | Ang Amer Sec | 266 | ● -2 | 11.7 | 4.4 | .. |
| 432 | 316 | Ashdown | 432 | ● -2 | 11.7 | 2.7 | .. |
| 135 | 75 | Atlantic Assets | 111 | -2 | 9.7 | 9.8 | .. |
| 162 | 87 | Bankers | 162 | .. | 3.5 | 2.2 | .. |
| 134 | 130 | Berry | 191 | .. | 1.4 | 0.7 | .. |
| 173 | 117 | Border & Sthrn | 173 | .. | 4.7 | 2.7 | .. |
| 107 | 79 | Br Assets Gen | 107 | ● .. | 3.7 | 3.5 | .. |
| 215 | 140½ | Br Assets | 210 | ● -1 | 9.75 | 4.6 | .. |
| 30½ | 20½ | Br Empire Sec | 29½ | .. | 1.3 | 4.5 | .. |
| 373 | 357 | British Inv | 366 | .. -2 | 18.2b | 5.0 | .. |
| 75 | 55 | Brunner | 75 | ● .. | 2.9 | 3.8 | .. |
| 87 | 60 | Charter Agency | 87 | ● .. | 3.1 | 3.6 | .. |
| 680 | 416 | Continental | 676 | ● -2 | 25.7b | 3.8 | .. |
| 178 | 125 | Crescent Japan | 165 | ● -1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | .. |
| 489 | 276 | Delta | 465 | .. | 10.2 | 10.2 | .. |
| 169 | 90 | Derby Inv | 169 | .. | | | .. |
| 104 | 97 | Dr Cap | 102 | .. -2 | 12.7 | 4.4 | .. |
| 235 | 241 | Drayton Cons | 288 | .. -4 | 7.9 | 1.1 | .. |
| 148 | 88 | Drayton Far East | 143 | ● +1 | 1.8 | 1.2 | .. |
| 430 | 282 | Drayton Japan | 413 | ● -2 | 3.6 | 0.9 | .. |
| 412 | 286 | Drayton Premier | 408 | ● -2 | 18.2 | 4.5 | .. |
| 174 | 140 | Dundee Lon | 173 | .. | 6.7 | 3.9 | .. |
| 117 | 87 | Edinburgh | 115 | .. | 3.7 | 3.2 | .. |
| 230 | 210 | Electric Gen | 230 | .. | 4.8b | 1.7 | .. |
| 201 | 152 | English Int | 201 | .. | 9.5b | 3.8 | .. |
| 76 | 52 | English Scot | 77 | ● .. | 1.8 | 2.3 | .. |
| 186 | 88 | English NT | 186 | ● .. | 5.1 | 2.4 | .. |
| 35 | 28 | F & C Alliance | 35 | .. | 2.4 | 2.5 | .. |
| 187 | 117 | F&C Pacific | 168 | .. -2 | 5.0b | 3.2 | .. |
| 286 | 182 | Family | 282 | ● .. | 9.9 | 4.9 | .. |
| 279 | 194 | First Scot Amer | 272 | ● .. | 12.2b | 4.7 | .. |
| 245 | 169 | First Un Gen | 170 | ● .. | 8.7 | 5.1 | .. |
| 590 | 342 | Fleming American | 575 | ● -5 | 7.5 | 1.3 | .. |
| 280 | 185 | Fleming Claver | 253 | ● -1 | 12.4 | 4.9 | .. |
| 288 | 188 | Fleming Enterprise | 254 | .. | 9.8 | 3.9 | .. |
| 320 | 225 | Fleming Far East | 311 | .. -2 | 2.9 | 0.9 | .. |
| 109 | 88 | Fleming Fledgling | 109 | ● .. | 3.6 | 3.3 | .. |
| 398 | 280 | Fleming Japan | 391 | ● .. | 4.3 | 0.8 | .. |
| 117 | 80 | Fleming Mercantile | 116 | ● +1 | 4.9 | 4.2 | .. |
| 134 | 82 | Fleming Overseas | 125 | .. | 3.3b | 2.7 | .. |
| 163 | 118½ | Fleming Tech | 163 | .. | 3.1 | 1.9 | .. |
| 334 | 215 | Fleming Universal | 333 | .. -1 | 9.8 | 2.9 | .. |
| 148 | 99 | For Co | 143 | ● -1 | 3.9 | 2.8 | .. |
| 1171 | 88 | GBC Capital | 117 | .. | | | .. |
| 185 | 120 | GT Japan | 177 | ● .. | 2.6b | 1.1 | .. |
| 610 | 483 | General Funds | 610 | ● .. | 13.6 | 2.2 | .. |
| 207 | 184 | General Cons | 207 | ● .. | 5.1 | 2.1 | .. |
| 122 | 77 | Glasgow Stock | 122 | ● .. | 2.9 | 2.4 | .. |
| 276 | 197 | Globe | 276 | ● +1 | 12.9 | 4.7 | .. |
| 218 | 176 | Greenfriar | 218 | ● +2 | 2.3 | 1.1 | .. |
| 275 | 167½ | Gresham House | 250 | .. | 5.7 | 2.3 | .. |
| 163 | 114 | Hambros | 163 | .. | 5.4 | 3.3 | .. |
| 288 | 187 | Henderson | 282 | -1 | 13.2 | 4.7 | .. |
| 336 | 260 | Invest-In Success | 333 | ● .. | 7.5 | 1.5 | .. |
| 238 | 162 | Inv Cap | 234 | ● -1 | 5.2 | 2.2 | .. |
| 84½ | 63 | Japan Assets | 84½ | -½ | 0.1 | 0.1 | .. |
| 328 | 215 | Lake View | 328 | .. | 8.4 | 2.9 | .. |
| 191 | 130 | Law Debenture | 191 | .. | 7.1b | 3.7 | .. |
| 85 | 64 | Lon Merchant Sec | 70 | +1 | 2.8 | 4.0 | .. |
| 157 | 71 | Lon Trust | 105 | .. | 3.9 | 3.7 | .. |
| 98 | 70 | Merchants | 98 | .. | 3.4b | 3.5 | .. |
| 174 | 121 | Monks | 173 | -1 | 4.4b | 2.6 | .. |
| 118 | 85 | Murray Income | 115 | .. | 6.4n | 5.5 | .. |
| 98 | 67 | Murray Growth | 97 | ● .. | 2.6 | 2.1 | .. |
| 134 | 96 | Murray Int | 133 | ● -1 | 5.6b | 5.0 | .. |
| 189 | 122 | Murray Small | 188 | .. +1 | 3.3 | 1.7 | .. |
| 3390 | 2235 | Murray Venture | 2360 | +4 | 6.3 | 2.2 | .. |
| 3390 | 2600 | New Court | 2600 | .. | 20.4 | 5.4 | .. |
| 77 | 38 | New Darien Oil | 77 | .. | 0.5 | 0.6 | .. |
| 177 | 138 | 1928 | 174 | .. | 7.9 | 4.5 | .. |
| 146 | 34 | Nwthrng Inc 85 | 146 | .. | 3.2b | 8.4 | .. |
| 243 | 166 | New Tokyo | 216 | r +2 | 2.1 | 1.0 | .. |
| 334 | 222 | Nth Atlantic Sec | 334 | .. | 4.6 | 1.4 | .. |
| 138 | 108 | Nth Sea Assets | 110 | .. | 6.7 | 6.5 | .. |
| 288 | 209 | Nthn Amer | 282 | .. | 7.7 | 2.7 | .. |
| 139 | 97 | Ocean | 137 | .. | 3.8 | 4.1 | .. |
| 46 | 24 | Personal Assets | 40 | -1 | 0.6 | 1.4 | .. |
| 334 | 249 | Raeburn | 334 | +3 | 13.6 | 4.1 | .. |
| 137 | 98 | River & Merc | 132 | ● .. | 7.1 | 5.4 | .. |
| 286 | 158 | River Plate | 284 | ● +1 | 10.3 | 4.9 | .. |
| 182 | 138 | Robeco | 181 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 171 | 127 | Rolinco | 165 | .. -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 267 | 185 | Romney | 257 | ● +1 | 6.6 | 2.5 | .. |
| 11½ | 9⅝ | Ronaldo | 210½ | .. | | | .. |
| 320 | 237 | St Andrews | 316 | ● .. | 11.0 | 3.5 | .. |
| 273 | 191 | Scottish | 272 | ● .. | 7.4 | 2.7 | .. |
| 238 | 174 | Scot Amerikan | 232 | ● -1 | 6.0 | 2.4 | .. |
| 187 | 117 | Scot Eastern | 187 | .. | 5.4 | 3.2 | .. |
| 407 | 270 | Scot Mtge | 407 | +1 | 9.7b | 2.4 | .. |
| 243 | 186 | Scot Nat | 241 | .. | 8.1 | 2.5 | .. |
| 1233 | 82½ | Scot Rnht | 124 | -1 | 4.7 | 3.8 | .. |
| 2980 | 2325 | Scot Mere 'A' | 2980 | .. | 13.1 | 3.5 | .. |
| 598 | 394 | Second Alliance | 586 | ● .. | 20.4b | .. | .. |
| 121 | 84 | Sec Of Scotland | 121 | .. | 5.3b | 4.4 | .. |
| 78 | 51 | Smaller Cos | 76 | .. | 2.2 | 2.9 | .. |
| 38 | 32 | Stewart Enterp | 36 | .. | 0.6 | 1.9 | .. |
| 146 | 93 | Stockholders | 140 | .. -2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | .. |

**FINANCIAL TRUSTS**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 500 | 345 | Akroyd & Smithers | 360 | .. | 23.6 | 6.5 | 14.0 |
| 46½ | 18½ | American Express | 237½ | -⅝ | .. | .. | .. |
| 29 | 18 | Argyle | 29 | -1 | .. | .. | 16.3 |
| 105 | 83 | Bankhead | 84 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 115 | 83 | Britannia Arrow | 106 | -1 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 21.8 |
| 113 | 77 | CJR Pacific | 108 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 44 | 23 | Do Warrants | 37 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 13½ | 8½ | Daily Mail | 12½ | .. | 25.0 | 4.2 | 13.9 |
| 13½ | 8½ | Do 'A' | 13 | .. | 25.0 | 4.2 | 13.9 |
| 124 | 69 | Electra | 124 | .. | 5.1 | 4.1 | 33.1 |
| 148 | 97 | Eng Assoc | 148 | ● .. | 4.2b | 2.8 | 13.9 |
| 696 | 363 | Exco | 688 | .. | 11.8 | 1.7 | 26.0 |
| 85 | 58 | Exploration | 85 | .. | 4.5 | 5.3 | 13.8 |
| 12½ | 9 | First Charlotte | 11½ | .. | 0.1 | 0.9 | .. |
| 675 | 570 | Framlington | 750 | .. | 12.9 | 1.7 | 18.2 |
| 108 | 58 | Fresi (U) & (D) | 72 | .. | 4.0 | 5.6 | 10.7 |
| 68 | 42 | Goode (D & M) | 68 | ● +5 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 15.3 |
| 695 | 357 | Henderson Admin | 695 | .. | 15.7 | 2.3 | 14.5 |
| 2½ | ⅝ | M & G | 2½ | r .. | 17.9 | 2.0 | 17.9 |
| 440 | 215 | Martin (FP) | 435 | .. | 17.8 | 4.1 | 10.5 |
| 457 | 247 | Mercantile House | 337 | .. | 17.5 | 5.2 | 8.6 |
| 415 | 255 | Mills & Allen | 388 | .. | 29.0 | 8.3 | 11.7 |
| 123 | 70 | Smith Brothers | 94 | +1 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 4.6 |

## MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

**Base rate optimism clashed with disappointing money supply figures to cause violent movements in money rates yesterday. They fell steeply in the early minutes when the pound was soaring against the dollar.**

**At this stage, the three month interbank term *deposit got down* to 12⅞ – ¾ per cent. They reversed almost fully to over-night positions before the morning was out, with the "threes" showing 13⅜ – ¼ per cent at the end of the morning.**

**Just before the money supply figures came along and confirmed that sterling M3 had emerged at the worse end of expectations, three month registered the top of the day at 13¼ – ⅝ per cent.**

**Base Rates %**
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 12½

**Discount Market Loans%**
Overnight: High 14½, Low 13
Week fixed: 14½–14⅝

**Treasury Bills (Discount %)**

| Buying | Selling |
|---|---|
| 2 months 13⅝–13 | 2 months 13½ |
| 3 months 13½ | 3 months 13⅜ |

**Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 13¹³/₁₆–13⅝ | 2 months 13¹¹/₁₆–13½ |
| 3 months 13½–13⅜ | 6 months 12⅞–12 |

**Trade Bills (Discount %)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 14⅞ | 2 months 14⅝ |
| 3 months 14⅛ | 6 months 12¾ |

**Interbank (%)**
Overnight: open 15½–15 close 13¾13¼

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 week 14½–14⅜ | 6 months 12¹¹/₁₆–12⅝ |
| 1 month 14½–14⅜ | 9 months 12⅝–12⅝ |
| 3 months 13⅝–13½ | 12 months 12⅝–12⅝ |

**Local Authority Deposits (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 days 14¼ | 7 days 14¼ |
| 1 month 14 | 3 months 13 |
| 6 months 12½ | 12 months 12⅝ |

**Local Authority Bonds (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 14⅛–14⅜ | 2 months 14⅛–14¼ |
| 3 months 14⅜–14½ | 6 months 13⅝–13⅝ |
| 9 months 13½–13⅜ | 12 months 13¼–12⅝ |

**Sterling CDs (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 month 14⅛–13¹³/₁₆ | 3 months 13½–13⅜ |
| 6 months 12⅝–12⅜ | 12 months 12⅜–12¼ |

**Dollar CDs (%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 8.70-8.60 | 3 months | 9.10-9.00 |
| 6 months | 9.75-9.65 | 12 months | 10.50-10.40 |

## EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

| Dollar | call | 8⅛–7⅜ |
|---|---|---|
| 7 days | 8⅛–8 | 1 month 8¹³/₁₆–8¹¹/₁₆ |
| 3 months | 9¹⁵/₁₆–9¹³/₁₆ | 6 months 9¹³/₁₆–9¹¹/₁₆ |
| Deutschmark | call | 5⅛–5⅜ |
| 7 days | 5–5⅛ | 1 month 5⅛–5 |
| 3 months | 5⅛–5⅜ | 6 months 5⅜–5⅜ |
| French Franc | call | 11–10 |
| 7 days | 10⅞–10⅝ | 1 month 10⅝–10⅜ |
| 3 months | 11⅛–11⅛ | 6 months 11⅜–11⅛ |
| Swiss Franc | call | 3⅛–2⅞ |
| 7 days | 3⅛–3 | 1 month 5⅛–5 |
| 3 months | 5⅜–5⅛ | 6 months 5⅜–5¹³/₁₆ |
| Yen | call | 6⅛–5⅞ |
| 7 days | 6⅛–6 | 1 month 6⅛–6 |
| 3 months | 6⅛–6⅛ | 6 months 6⅛–6⅛ |

## GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$296-297.50 (£272.75-274.25)

STOCK MARKET REPORT

# Rights issue talk bites into shares at United Biscuits

**By Pam Spooner**

Talk of a rights issue ate into the share price of **United Biscuits** yesterday, as market men lighted on the foods group as the most likely candidate to make a cash call this week.

Last week's record rights from Barclays Bank, and smaller ones from Glass Glover and Ryan International, have put Throgmorton Street on the alert and the high level of gearing at UB prompted City fingers to be pointed in the group's direction.

The share price dropped to 192p at one stage before settling for a 5p loss at 193p. The share price has weakened steadily in recent weeks as City hopes of takeover bid has faded.

Gearing at UB is now around 80 per cent, according to City estimates, a long way ahead of the level investors have traditionally come to expect of the company's balance sheet. Until 1981 the UB report and accounts carried a note on the company's intention to hold the debt ratio at 40 per cent, but that limitation was gradually increased to 50 per cent by last year.

The changing attitude by UB towards debt still does not account for the massive jump in borrowings which the City suspects will be revealed this morning. And, if the analysts are proved right on this point, the chances of a rights issue to trim the debt burden look high.

Market men were also hearing tales of lower than expected profit figures for 1984. In 1983 UB made £84.9 million and City forecasts had looked for up to £89 million this time.

In the midst of these worries, it was hardly surprising to see the share price take a dip, but a third factor also contributed to UB's weakness. There were signs of switching by investors from UB into Rowntree Mackintosh, where profits will be reported tomorrow.

**Rowntree** shares jumped 18p to 398p, though much of the price rise was caused by a painful shortage of stock. Thursday's profit figures, however, are expected to be around £75 million, against £61.4 million in 1983.

Takeover talk which surrounded the confectionery and foods group's shares for more than a year has yet to materialize, but there are market men who still expect action on that front and such thoughts contributed to yesterday's price gain.

Among food retailers, **Argyll Group** rose 8p to 266p as De Zoete & Bevan, the stockbroker, reported its reaction to a recent lunch at the company. The broker sticks to its £52 million profit forecast for 1984/5, against £40.1 million previously, and raises the 1985/6 estimate to £62 million. "The shares are cheap on a longer term view", says the firm.

**Bejam Group**, which reveals results today, was also benefiting from kind words from stockbrokers. The shares have gained pennies steadily in recent days, and added 1p to 158p yesterday.

General stores shares stayed on an upward track, still enjoying the takeover activity at House of Fraser and the expected "white knight" move as Foster Bros.

**Ladbroke Group** has found favour in the market in recent weeks, the shares trading at the upper end of their price range. Yesterday, the price picked up another 3p to 252p.

L. Messel, the stockbroker and one of Ladbroke's advisers, has put a "buy" tag on the shares, suggesting profits of £48 million for the whole of 1984, against £41.4 million last time. The leisure group reports results on March 28.

Shares in **Tottenham Hotspur** managed a 1p rise to 69p yesterday ahead of last night's match against championship rivals Manchester United. But the share price still drifts a long way below the 100p offer for sale price back in October 1983.

Brewery shares are in lively form, with **Bass** showing the way with a 15p gain to 534p. City analysts are enthusiastic about the growth of the brewer's market share in a declining market.

While national beer sales fell by 0.4 per cent in 1984, Bass pushed its sales 5 per cent higher and gained more than 21 per cent of the total market, according to figures published recently by Panmure Gordon, the stockbroker.

The broker reckons Bass will continue to progress, achieving profits of £250 million in 1985, against £218.4 million in the past year.

Profit growth prospects elsewhere are mixed, though **Arthur Guinness & Sons** and **Scottish & Newcastle Breweries** are expected to show strong improvement. Yesterday, Guinness shares rose 3p to 251p and S & N were up 1½p to 142p.

Profits at **The Distillers Company** are expected to show a sizable gain, up from £191.6 million in 1983-84 to £225 million in the year about to end. Distillers shares rose 9p to 296p.

At **Matthew Clark**, the drinks merchant which reported a 24 per cent jump in profits at the half-way stage, the share price rose 27p to 510p. The company reported on an eight month period, but gave comparable figures from 1983 to show the marked underlying improvement.

General optimism about the Budget also helped the drinks sector. Word in the City is that, after five years of heavy increases in excise duty, the Chancellor will only impose inflation-linked rises on beers, wines and spirits. Gains of a few pence were scattered across the rest of the sector lists.

On the electricals pitches prices weakened after limited buying over the past ten days came to an end. **Crystalate Holdings** slipped 5p to 190p, finding it difficult to hold its ground close to the 200p level.

James Capel, the stockbroker, believes the group is being hurt by changes in buying by British Telecommunications, a big customer for Crystalate. As a result, the broker has cut its forecast from £7 million to £6.1 million for the year to the end of March, which compares with profits of £5.7 million in 1983-84.

**Electronic Rentals Group** rose another 2p to 46p, making a two-day gain of 5p after news of is purchase of the tv and video rentals business of Dixons Group. One City forecast suggests that Electronic will see a net £5 million boost to annual profits.

**Comcap**, the IBM equipment dealer and lessor, saw its share price jump 43p to 263p alongside profits news. The group made £2.94 million in 1984, against £1.55 million previously.

There is considerable optimism that Comcap will keep up its strong growth over the next few years as the money raised at the time of the share flotation last May bears fruit. The annual dividend was set at a total 1p.

On the leading shares lists prices fell back in late trade as the poorer-than-expected money supply news took the steam out of investors. In the early part of the day the FT-SE 100 share index had shown a gain of over 12 points, but by the close the market was just 9.2 points ahead at 1300. The FT 30 shares index ended the day 1.2 points up at 990.40.

**Glaxo's sell-off of Vestric, the drugs wholesaling business, has prompted a City rethink of the value of Macarthys Pharmaceuticals. Vestric is being sold on a prospective p/e of 10, having made a loss last year, while profitable Macarthys is currently rated on a lowly 7. Using the same criteria as for Vestric, Macarthys' wholesaling business is worth around £24 million, while its other operations are also valued at that level. With the present stock market price for the whole company at £24 million, the cry from analysts is "cheap, cheap". Yesterday, Macarthy shares were unchanged at 183p.**

**J Hepworth & Son, the clothing retailers, burst into life yesterday as a combination of factors brought buyers into the market. Fears that Hepworth might bid for Foster Brothers are fading and analysts reckon the shares have some catching up to do with others in the sector, such as Burton Group. Next month's interim profits are expected to reach about £9 million, against £6.6 million in first half 1983/4. The shares rose 12p to 178p.**

## Traded option highlights

**Volume in the traded options market stayed buoyant, with more than 11,000 contracts dealt in. Again, British Telecom provided much of the business, and 4,420 BT options changed hands. The underlying share price stayed firm, rising 2p to 137½p.**

**Other contracts attracting attention included the share index option, where 1,317 contracts were traded. Marks & Spencer options also saw good volume, in keeping with recent trends; 1,020 M & S contracts were traded.**

**But the main price movements were confined to options in Bass and Shell shares.**

TEMPUS

# Stockpile weighs down De Beers

There was little in yesterday's preliminary announcement to suggest that De Beers' shares should be held in the short term. De Beers is running to stand still in difficult marker conditions which show no immediate signs of improvement.

The most significant indication of De Beers' difficulties is the unchanged dividend. The problem for British investors is that, because of the Rand's weakness over the last year, this effectively amounts to a reduction on translation into sterling of approaching 25 per cent.

A cut in the dividend does not please anybody but the reasons why there has been no increase are more worrying. One yardstick traditionally used by some analysts for the amount available for distribution has been the company's investment and other income. This increased by 15 per cent in the year but was not passed on to shareholders and there is a suggestion that the company needs the cash to finance its diamond stockpile, which at the moment looks as if it could be forever.

Diamond stock increased marginally in physical terms and by $95 million (£88 million) in value. The problem is that low inflation rates and high US interest rates make diamonds an unattractive investment.

De Beers is still financing the stockpile but not without stretching its resources. To add to its worries, the market may soon expand when two new diamond mines come on stream. There is also the unknown Russian factor. They caught De Beers on the hop last summer, offloading substantial quantities of diamonds in Antwerp. Much will depend on the grain harvest.

The group still maintains a fairly tight control over the market, however, with around 85 per cent of rough diamonds passing through its hands by way of the Central Selling Organisation.

Unless the stockpile can be reduced, and fairly rapidly, this control has little benefit. De Beers could have up to two years' supply of diamonds and this at a time in the cycle when it should be starting to run down stocks and build up cash.

Exchange rate fluctuations render meaningful comparisons in the preliminary announcement almost impossible, but they cannot cloud the underlying difficulties.

De Beers will certainly bounce back, and as a South African investment remains very solid. However, if presence in the mining sector is the reason for investment, now is the time for a switch into industrial metals-based businesses.

## William Collins

William Collins has rounded off its five-year programme of compulsory rehabilitation with some impressive gains at pretax level. Profits are ahead by nearly 40 per cent on a sales gain of less than a fifth. The shares rose 15p to 720p on the figures, cheered also by the 18 per cent rise in the 1984 divident.

The improvement in the publisher's ratios since 1979 has been quite striking. Return on capital has risen from a minute percentage while sales per employee have soared, as the retrenchment programme has bitten deep. Borrowings now look containable at around £11.8 million, or 27.4 per cent of shareholders' funds.

Nevertheless, it is clear from the breakdown of the profit and loss account at the earnings level, that the group must now run very hard to keep up. Exhaustion of the previous year's tax losses, plus the Chancellor's war on capital allowances, have combined to push up the tax charge from £2 million to £4.8 million, trimming the earnings gain to just 3.3 per cent.

## Gilts

When the history of the funding programme is set to music, bards will sing of the authorities skilful tactics of Monday and Tuesday head of the £M3 figures for banking February, which, on the face of it, look mediocre, they may have sold about £1 billion of stock in two days.

The Government Broker yesterday morning followed up his Monday raid on the market with a determined sales effort. He completed sales of his long taplet, Conversion 10 per cent 2002: ran out the short tap, Exchequer 11 per cent 1990, and disposed of some tranches of his remaining taplet, Treasury 9 per cent 1994. All in all, he may have extracted about £700 million from the market yesterday.

The measure of the market's disappointment after the figures was as marked as its enthusiasm before 2.30. Shorts finished about ½ point off their high point for the day, while longs were down about one point.

A second battle of Watling Street? According to gilt market veterans, it was more like the Battle of Crécy, so completely was market sentiment routed. Traders queued in the morning for the short tap, and saw their applications halved in allotment. In the afternoon, that same stock had fallen by about ½ point, an almost unprecedented swing.

Plainly in the gilt market, it is better to travel than to arrive; hopes of a cut in base rates are now almost extinguished.

More specifically, analysts like Mr Stephen Lewis of Phillips & Drew, are dismayed by the continued growth in bank lending, visible this month through the slight expansion in the monthly average of advances to £1.6 billion, and the sizeable switch to bill finance and away from overdraft.

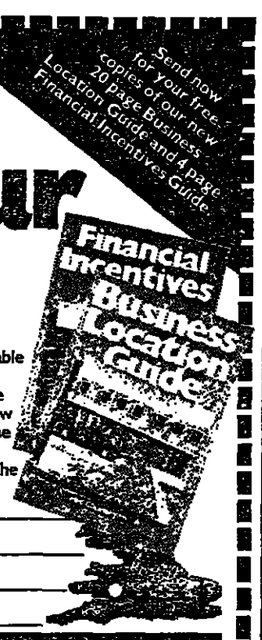
Personal sector deposits also rose quite sharply by about £500 million, compared with an expected seasonal fall of about £800 million.

Arguably, bank lending should come under pressure from two sources during the spring. The lull in personal sector demand for credit may well prove temporary, while loans to the industrial sector are also picking up, contradicting the derived picture of excess liquidity in this sector of the flow of funds matrix.

Yet runaway credit demand up to the summer may well be countered by the impact of high interest rates, and in banking March at least, the aggressive funding programme. Perhaps the next set of money supply figures will help to undo some of yesterday's damage, as the more sanguine analysts suggested.


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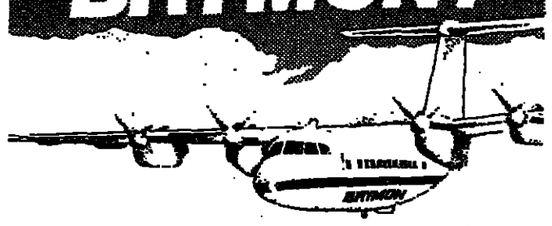
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# Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the shareholders of the Bank will be held in the City Hall, Hong Kong, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 14 May 1985 to transact the following ordinary business:

1 to receive and consider the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended 31 December 1984 and to declare a final dividend;

2 to elect Directors; and

3 to appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration

and to consider and (if thought fit) pass the following Ordinary Resolutions by way of special business:

4 That the capital of the Bank be increased from HK$8,000 million to HK$12,000 million by the creation of 1,600 million new shares of HK$2.50 each;

5 That:

(a) it is desirable to capitalise the sum of HK$714,966,805 from the reserves of the Bank and that accordingly the said sum be capitalised and applied in payment in full for 285,986,722 unissued shares of the Bank of HK$2.50 each;

(b) such new shares, credited as paid-up, be distributed among the shareholders who on 14 May 1985 were registered shareholders of the Bank in the proportion of one new share for every ten shares then held by them respectively;

(c) such new shares shall in all respects rank *pari passu* with the existing shares of the Bank, except that they shall not rank for dividends for the year ended 31 December 1984;

(d) the Board be and is hereby authorised to allot and issue such new shares for distribution in the manner and proportion aforesaid, but so that shares representing fractions shall be sold and the net proceeds retained for the benefit of the Bank; and

6 That a general mandate be and is hereby unconditionally given to the Directors to issue and dispose of additional shares not exceeding one *per cent* of the issued share capital of the Bank.

By Order of the Board
F R Frame
*Secretary*

Hong Kong, 12 March 1985



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# Results for 1984

The Directors announce that (subject to audit) the profit of the HongkongBank Group for the year ended 31 December 1984 was approximately HK$2,591 million (1983: HK$2,492 million), an increase of 4 *per cent*. The profit was arrived at after providing for taxation and after making the normal transfers to inner reserves, out of which provision for changes in the value of assets has been made. Audited accounts will be published at a later date.

The Directors propose the payment of a final dividend of HK$0.31 per share. Together with the interim dividend of HK$429 million already paid, the total distribution for 1984 will amount to HK$1,316 million (1983: HK$1,258 million), an increase of 4.6 *per cent*.

**Increase in Authorised Capital**

The Directors intend to recommend to shareholders at the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting to be held on 14 May 1985 that the authorised capital of the Bank be increased from HK$8,000 million to HK$12,000 million by the creation of 1,600 million new shares of HK$2.50 each.

**Bonus Issue**

The Directors also intend to recommend to shareholders at the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting that a bonus issue of shares be made in the proportion of one new share for every ten shares held on 14 May 1985 by the capitalisation of HK$714,966,805 from the Reserve Fund of the Bank. If that recommendation is approved, the Reserve Fund will be restored by a transfer from retained profits. The bonus shares will not rank for the recommended final dividend but will rank *pari passu* with existing shares in all other respects.

**Prospects for 1985**

Economic growth is expected to continue at a reasonable rate in the United States and at a more modest pace in other major industrialised nations. Though this will undoubtedly be of benefit to world trade, the volatility we have seen in the foreign exchange markets and the continued problems many third world countries have in servicing their debt will mean conditions are likely to remain difficult.

In Hong Kong the picture is much improved. The successful conclusion of the Sino-British talks, a high level of exports and growing trade with China, coupled with a steadier tone in the local property market, bode well for the future.

Against this background the Directors consider that profitability of the Group will continue at a satisfactory level and are confident of their ability to recommend at least the same rate of dividend as for 1984, that is HK$0.46 per share on the increased capital as proposed, representing an increase in distribution of 10 *per cent*.

**Closing of Register of Shareholders**

The Register of Shareholders will be closed from 22 April until 14 May 1985 (both dates inclusive). In order to qualify for the final dividend and bonus issue, all transfers (accompanied by the relevant share certificates) must be lodged with the Registrars not later than 4.00 pm on 19 April 1985.

By Order of the Board
F R Frame
*Secretary*

Hong Kong, 12 March 1985

BUDGET BRIEFING

# Lawson likely to go for a new-look tax on gains

**The racing certainty for the Budget is that there will be extensive reform of taxes on capital. The Chancellor promised as much a year ago and nothing that has happened since either to the pound or to the Government's political standing, need change his mind.**

**Indeed, the expectation that something will happen on the capital taxes has been heightened by the Inland Revenue's move, at the end of last month against the practice of "bondwashing" or, more accurately, dividend stripping.**

**This is the practice of selling securities before a dividend payment, to take the payment as a capital gain (since it is largely reflected in the price of the security) rather than as income.**

**Since gilt-edged securities held for less than a year escape capital gains tax the practice had become popular. Now, interest will be treated as accrued on a day-to-day basis for tax purposes.**

**The Inland Revenue's move, it has been suggested paves the way for the abolition of capital gains tax, with a general switch to taxing capital gains as income the logical follow-on.**

**However, this suggestion has been played down by Treasury officials, leaving substantial reform, rather than abolition, as the Chancellor's likely Budget route.**

**Capital gains are charged to tax at a rate of 30 per cent above an annual exemption allowance, currently £5,600. Capital transfers on death are charged at 30 per cent for transfers between £64,000 and £85,000, rising to a maximum of 60 per cent for transfers of £285,000-plus. Lifetime transfers are broadly taxed at half these rates.**

**The last big reform of capital gains tax was in 1982, when Sir Geoffrey Howe announced that both the exempt allowance and gains themselves would be index-linked.**

**This move, while generally welcomed, has posed big administrative problems. It has also posed the threat that the Exchequer's tax take from** After reducing stamp duty last year, the Chancellor promised to reform the main capital taxes, on transfers and capital gains. His options range from abolition of taxes that are complex and expensive to collect, to reforms that would simplify them, increasing tax-free allowances but reducing reliefs to maintain revenue. Some action in the Budget is almost certain. David Smith, Economics Correspondent, looks at the options.

**Revenue from capital taxes**

| | Capital gains tax £m | Capital transfer tax* £m |
|---|---|---|
| 1966-67 | 7 | 301 |
| 1970-71 | 139 | 357 |
| 1975-76 | 387 | 330 |
| 1979-80 | 431 | 433 |
| 1980-81 | 508 | 452 |
| 1981-82 | 525 | 497 |
| 1982-83 | 632 | 511 |
| 1983-84 | 671 | 610 |
| 1984-85 (Treasury forecast) | 710 | 680 |

*Before 1975-76, CTT revenues are those from estate duties. After 1975-76, both CTT and estate duties (£6 million in 1984-85) are included.
Source: Inland Revenue

**CTT bands and rates**

| Band of chargeable value £'000 | Rate on death per cent | Lifetime rate per cent |
|---|---|---|
| 0- 64 | Nil | Nil |
| 64- 85 | 30 | 15 |
| 85-116 | 35 | 17½ |
| 116-148 | 40 | 20 |
| 148-185 | 45 | 22½ |
| 185-232 | 50 | 25 |
| 232-285 | 55 | 27½ |
| over 285 | 60 | 30 |

Gifts of up to £3,000 a year, small gifts and transfers between spouses are exempt. Farmland and some business assets have reliefs of up to 50 per cent of value.

**capital gains tax, estimated at about £700 million this year, will decline dramatically as the indexation provisions take full effect.**

**The Chancellor has options at opposite ends of the generosity spectrum. At one end, he could abolish indexation of capital gains, acknowledging that it was a mistake, and simply tax all gains above a certain, possibly higher, exempt allowance.**

**This would fit in with the spirit of the move last year to abolish stock relief for companies, a move which was described as appropriate for an era of low inflation.**

**Administrative convenience and revenue considerations apart, this would represent a major about-face.**

**At the other end of the scale, indexation could be extended back to 1965, when capital gains tax was first introduced. This would not add to the administrative difficulties but would remove a big criticism of the present arrangements, that they penalize long-term holders of assets for the inflationary gains of the 1970s.**

**More likely is a switching of the emphasis of capital gains tax to short-term gains. This could be done, either by restricting the tax to assets held for less than a year, or through a tapering system, whereby the tax rate is reduced the longer the asset is held, with exemption on assets held longer than, say, four of five years.**

**Tapering could be achieved by taxing gains on assets held for and under a year at the full rate, declining to three quarters of the rate for one or two-year holdings, half for 2-3 years, a quarter for 3-4 years with full relief on assets held for more than four years.**

**A bolder move would be to abolish capital gains tax as such, instead taxing all gains as income. In theory, the coincidence that the basic rates of income tax and capital gains tax are both 30 per cent, suggests that the two taxes could be dovetailed into one another without too much difficulty.**

**In practice, such a move would remove the cushion available to small investors through the CGT allowance. It would also, without reductions in the higher rates of income tax, double the effective rate of gains tax for the better off. The Government has previously moved from taxing share options as income to treating the proceeds as captital gains to reduce the rate and facilitate capital accumulation.**

**As for capital transfer tax, the rates were reduced in Mr Lawson's first Budget.**

**The Chancellor's action last year on CTT rates may postpone any further big moves in the forthcoming Budget. He could rationalize reliefs to cut rates further, as with corporation tax last year.**

**However, if the Chancellor does have the reforming bit between his teeth, this could be the year when the many critics of capital transfer tax are rewarded with the Chancellor at least stating his intent to abolish it.**

**This may not prevent the Chancellor from acting on capital transfer tax avoidance schemes. The most likely candidates for such a move are the discounted gift schemes run by life insurance companies.**

**Under these, the individual makes a "gift" to a trust, drawing income on the assets. A rate of discount, agreed by the insurance company with the Inland Revenue, is applied to the gift, depending on the age, sex and health of the individual. The fact that the value of the gift, for CTT purposes, is greatly discounted, cuts the tax liability considerably.**

**The Legal & General has pioneered such schemes. However, the Inland Revenue has been rationing the entry of new participants to the market in recent months as a prelude, it is said, to the outlawing of the discounted gift schemes.**

ATHLETICS



Coe: moving up in distance

## Coe may be tempted to Newcastle

By Pat Butcher

Sebastian Coe will start his move up to 5,000 metres sooner than expected if he decides to compete in the Newcastle city centre five kilometre road race on March 27. The double Olympic 1,500 metres champion plans to move up to 5,000 metres on the track this summer, and has been quoted as saying that he can break 13 minutes for the distance this year. The world record is held by David Moorcroft with 13min 4.1sec.

Coe will decide in the next day or so whether he will face David Lewis, the English national cross-country champion who was second in the inaugural Newcastle race last year, and Eamonn Martin, the 1984 English cross-country champion. Mike McLeod, last year's winner, hopes to recover from back injury in time to compete.

Allister Hutton, winner of the New Year's Day Morpeth to Newcastle race, and Kevin Forster, a local runner who was second in last year's London Marathon, will also take part. BBC television have agreed to broadcast the evening race. It will be their last domestic athletics transmission for the time being, since ITV begin their five-year exclusive contract, for which they have paid £10.5 million, on April 1.

CRICKET

## Greig looks to leagues

Tony Greig, the former England captain, now based in Australia, has been in contact with Jack Simmons, of Lancashire, about the possibility of playing league cricket in the county this summer. The 38-year-old South African-born all-rounder will spend next season commentating on the Ashes series in England for Australia's Channel 9 television station.

Greig, who, when England captain, led an exodus of top players into a controversial international circuit funded by Channel 9's owner, Kerry Packer, in 1977, has not played for Sussex since 1978.

"I will get in touch with Sussex," he said. "Perhaps I would play for their second team if I could be of any use. But basically I have got no idea what I am going to do. I am open to suggestions, though I am not even certain that I an going to be spending the whole summer in England."

Richard Renold, the Sussex secretary, said yesterday that so far the club had heard nothing from Greig, but, if he wished to have a game with the Second XI while in England, this would naturally be considered.

## Past masters

Bobby Simpson, the former Australian Test captain, will be among a host of players coming to England this summer for the "Golden Oldies Cricket Festival". Up to 80 teams are expected to compete in the festival, to be played on Sussex County Cricket Club grounds from August 16-24.

Peter Graves, the former Sussex player, who is one of the organizers, said: "The Golden Oldies must be 40 years of age or older and the matches are organized on a 40-over basis. Teams from New Zealand, Australia, Los Angeles, Vancouver and Hong Kong have already entered, and among the old timers will be Neil Harvey, Bobby Simpson, Norman O'Neill, Bert Sutcliffe and Bev Congdon."

BOXING

## Irish title bout set for London

Johnjo Greene, of Donegal, and Harry Cowap, of Dublin, will fight for the All-Irish light-heavyweight title on April 22, at the Elephant and Castle, London.

It will be the first time that a championship bout under the auspices of the new Irish Boxing Union, which is based in Dublin, has been staged in Britain. It becomes possible because Greene, the defending champion, is based in Manchester, while Cowap has lived in South Sondon for eight years.

The fight will be promoted by an expatriate Irishman, Paddy Byrne, who hopes the big Irish population in London will make it a financial success. Both boxers are included in the top six in the British light-heavyweight rankings.

● The former British welterweight champion, Kirkland Laing, has agreed to meet Wo Lamani Wo, of Zaire, in a ten-round contest at the Granby Hall, Leicester tomorrow. Laing fills the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Chris Pyatt, who has influenza. Laing's brother, Tony, competes for the vacant Midlands light-welterweight title with Tony Mackenzie of Leicester, on the same bill.

## Box office hit

The world middleweight title bout between Marvin Hagler, the holder, and Thomas Hearns, the light middleweight champion, in Las Vegas on April 15, will be shown on closed-circuit television at 14 venues in Britain.

These comprise three cinemas in London, and Venues in Windsor, Sheffield, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Newcastle, Birmingham, Manchester, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

OLYMPIC GAMES

# East Germans allay fears of Olympic boycott

From David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, East Berlin

East Germany intend to participate in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. This was confirmed yesterday by Klaus Eichler, the vice-chairman of East Germany National Sports Federation, TDSB, in an interview with *The Times*.

He implied that there were no objections to Seoul as the venue, but expressed concern about the security of athletes.

He said: "Our national Olympic committee has called upon our athletes to prepare well, and we expect from both the (South Korea) organizing committee and the International Olympic Committee that they will create equal conditions for all athletes, both in competition and in security."

The IOC is, of course, totally committed to supporting the South Koreans as hosts. However, the Soviet Union are expected to continue to harrass the IOC over the next three years on several issues: primarily on the choice of South Korea as the venue Soviet participation there would conflict with their allegiance to North Korea – but also on the decision taken recently in Calgary to limit the age of entry for football, tennis and ice hockey to below 23.

Although the German Democratic Republic would have preferred another venue, they accept the democratic vote of the IOC taken in 1981. Yet it is evident that they are not only concerned about security, but about maintaining motivation for their sports organization. Many sports people here were privately dismayed by the eastern bloc withdrawal from Los Angeles.

"If the 1988 Games cannot guarantee the security of its athletes, then the whole Olympic movement is in danger," Eichler said. "And if we do not have the motivation of the Olympics then we have to have motivation from something else. We expressed how seriously we view (our participation in) 1988 when we took responsibility of organizing the nineteenth session of the IOC here in Berlin in June".

The problem of motivation for competitors is common throughout the socialist world, not least in the Soviet Union because such a prominent section of the framework of their society is based upon sporting achievement

Eichler said that the German Democratic Republic would do anything it could to help ensure the sort of conditions which would enable its athletes to take part.

The motivation applies not merely to competitors but, especially in the GDR, to the array of coaches, doctors, judges and officials who comprise an organization which receives £125 million a year to spend on sport. It is the success of the medal winners in the Olympic Games that provides much of the encouragement for the next wave of youngsters – in a nation of only 17 million people – to commit themselves to a collective effort which is without parallel in the sporting world.

Eichler was speaking shortly before joining a conference in Potsdam – which takes place every few months – of some 400 or so leading coaches from all sports, who meet to compare notes. One of the strengths of East German sport is that ideas are interchangeable not only through research but through competitors moving from one sport to another.

● *David Miller has been looking at East Germany, the most remarkable of sports nations. A series of articles will appear soon.*



Way: matured enough to absorb pressure

# Way back to the top for a forgotten British prodigy

After his heroics in the 1983 Ryder Cup, Paul Way was being acclaimed as Britain's best golfing prospect for a decade. By 1984 he had disappeared so quickly from the headlines the cynics were starting to write off yet another British prodigy who could not take the pressure.

But by early this year the 21-year-old Way was answering his critics with a vengeance. He completed four immaculate rounds in the South African PGA Charity Classic in Johannesburg to win the £7,500 first prize with five strokes to spare over his nearest rival. No wonder Way was smiling as he arrived back at his home in Tonbridge to contemplate the future.

"I've learnt so much about golf and myself in the last 18 months," he said. "I'm really looking forward to the coming season in Europe – and playing in the Ryder Cup."

Way's performance in the 1983 Ryder Cup was phenomenal for such a young player. He won his single, beating Curtis Strange two and one, and in an inspirational pairing with Ballesteros won a crucial foursome, defeating Tom Watson and Bob Gilder, also two and one.

Way and Ballesteros had already won and halved their two four-ball matches. Europe lost in the end by one point but Way had played a big part in making it the most evenly contested Ryder Cup ever to take place in the United States.

At first the British and European non-playing captain, Tony Jacklin, had nothing but praise for Way and said he had enough ability to win the Open one day. A poignant prognostication from the last Briton to perform the feat 16 years ago. But later, when discussing the future, Way let slip he did not think he could "handle all the hassle of winning an Open". Jacklin was furious.

"How could he say that", Jacklin said. "I tore into him and told him with that attitude he stood no chance. Paul has bags of natural talent but he has to toughen up mentally to reach the top."

Way says now that his comments at the time were meant as a joke. "I admit now it was a juvenile thing to say and I hadn't thought it through properly. I've tightened up since then and my approach is more professional."

"I think I've matured enough to absorb pressure – not only the pressure of playing but all the outside pressures, like the media and public attention. I now take the time to speak to people – and listen."

The two people closest to him – his father Denis and Paul Foston, the professional at the West Malling Club in Kent – have noticed the change.

Foston lived with the Ways for six years and he and Paul are like brothers. It was Foston who ironed out a technical chink in Way's swing – he was keeping too much weight on his left side. "I told him if he changed that he would start winning again," Foston said. "He listened."

Dennis Way, a former footballer with Portsmouth and Reading, sees a big change in his son's attitude. "He's always been a loner," he explained, "and has tended to go his own way. At school he played golf instead of taking his O levels. Sometimes his shyness has been mistaken for rudeness. But he has grown up in the last two years and developed his personality."

The change coincides with Way being taken over by Mark McCormack's International Management Group. They polished up his "image" and worked at his public relations. Instead of monasyllabic press interviews and shunning the cameras, he now takes time to talk about his game to reporters.

"It doesn't come as second nature," his father said. "He's had to work at it, but he realizes that he has to accept it as part of life if he's to get to the top."

Already it is beginning to pay dividends. He has four sponsorship deals – with Leasecraft, a London shipping firm, Wilson Sporting Goods, SAAB Cars and Pringle sweaters.

Although he failed to win a tournament last year Way feels he did not play as poorly as many people thought. He still managed to finish 26th in the European Order of Merit (he was 11th in 1983) and he earned over £70,000, much more than in the previous two years, when he had a superior playing record.

"There was a certain amount of anti-climax," Paul said, "but it's difficult to follow a really good year with another one. But that's what I have to do. I'm not worried by pressure – if I'm playing well I don't feel my temperament will let me down.

"My main aim is to get into the Ryder Cup team – and to achieve that I have to play well all season. Secondly, I would love to make a show in the Open. Sandwich is a tough course, but it's one of my favourites – and I'll have the locals behind me."

More immediately, he is back on the international trail and before he starts the European tour in Tunisia he will honour a promise he made to his sister, Nicola, aged 16. He said if she could reduce her handicap from eight to four he would partner her in the Sunningdale Foursomes tournament in March. "Nicola has kept her part of the bargain," said Paul. "I shall keep mine."

Michael Field

## PGA score high with profits

The three divisions of the Professional Golfers Association have reported improved net profits for the year ending December 31, 1984.

The club wing, operating at the Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, had a surplus of £98,228. The Tournament Players', based at Wentworth, had a surplus of £60,756, while the Women's PGA completed their recovery from financial embarrassment by making an operating profit of £50,286 last year.

The PGA now has net assets of almost £900,000.

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Divorty cap is a cup blow to Hull

By Keith Macklin

The conflict between club and country has cost Hull a vital player for tonight's Challenge Cup quarter-final replay at Widnes. Gary Divorty, the young back-row forward, has been selected by the Great Britain coach, Maurice Bamford, in the team to play France at Perpignan on Sunday.

Divorty, who has developed by leaps and bounds in only two seasons of senior rugby, is part of a skilful attacking link with the talented Hull backs. However Hull can still field a workman-like pack at Widnes, with Crooks, Skerrett, Patrick, Edmonds, Norton and Dannatt available. Ironically, Dannatt can play despite the fact that he is one of the substitutes to travel with the Great Britain team.

Bamford has named four new caps, the Leigh full back, Johnson, and the Wigan trio of Ford, a winger, Kiss, a Hooker, and a front-row forward, Wane. There are eight changes, some of them positional, from the team that thrashed France by 50-4 at Headingley last Friday week.

Bamford has made it known that he will be experimenting as his squad prepares for the more important tasks against New Zealand this winter and Australia next season. He has kept together the outstanding half-back partnership of Fox and Hanley, but in the front row only the veteran Leeds forward, Dickinson, keeps his place.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: C Johnson (Leeds); G Clark (Hull Kingston Rovers), D Creasser (Leeds), D Foy (Oldham), P Ford (Wigan); E Hanley (Bradford Northern), D Fox (Featherstone); D Dickinson (Leeds), M Kiss (Wigan), S Wane (Wigan), A Goodway (Oldham, capt), A Rathone (Bradford Northern), G Divorty (Hull) Substitutes: P Harkin (Hull Kingston Rovers), R Powell (Leeds).

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL**
(7.30 unless stated)

**FA Cup**
**Sixth round**
Luton Town v Millwall (7.45)
**Sixth round replay**
Ipswich Town v Everton
**First division**
Aston Villa v Arsenal
**Second division**
Barnsley v Brighton
Oxford United v Wimbledon
**Third division**
Derby County v Preston NE
Lincoln City v Rotherham United
**Fourth division**
Mansfield Town v Port Vale
**Scottish Cup**
**Fifth round replays**
Aberdeen v Hearts
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**Scottish second division**
Queen of the South v Cowdenbeath

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest v Derby County (7.0); Sheffield United v Liverpool (7.0). Second division: Hull City v Middlesborough (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Portsmouth v West Ham United (7.0).
GOLA LEAGUE: Weymouth v Telford.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor v Oswestry.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Shepshed; King's Lynn v AP Leamington. Bill Dellow Cup, semi-final, second leg: Cheltenham (2) v VS Rugby (1).
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division south: Feltham v Uxbridge.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Wick v Hailsham.
BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final replay: Eaton Bray v Dunstable (at Barton Rovers FC).
COVE WINDOWS SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE TROPHY: Second round: Hoddesdon v Pirton (7.45).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southern Amateur League v Southern Olympian League (at Bank of England FC, Roehampton, 3.0).

**RUGBY UNION**
TOUR MATCH: Oxford University v Keio University (2.30).
BRITISH POLYTECHNICS CUP: Final: Wales v Bristol (3.0).
BASS MERIT TABLE: Bridgwater and Albion v Weston-super-Mare (7.15).
CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Vale v Bath (7.0); Roundhay v Royal Navy (7.15); Wasps v London Welsh.

**RUGBY LEAGUE**
SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Quarter-final replay: Widnes v Hull.
FIRST DIVISION: Halifax v Wigan.
SECOND DIVISION: Bramley v Jewsbury; Runcorn v Blackpool Borough.

**HOCKEY**
ATARI LONDON LEAGUE: St Albans v Oxford University (2.45).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Combined Services v UAU (at Bisham Abbey NSC, 3.0); London University v Hockey Association XI (at Motspur Park, 2.45).

**BASKETBALL**
CARLSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINALS: Kingsnath Kingston v Bracknell Pirates (8.0); Sporting Solent Stars v Nissan Bears Worthing (8.0).

**OTHER SPORTS**
ATHLETICS: Open meetings at Crystal Palace and Harlow.
RACKETS: Celestion Loudspeakers open doubles (at Queen's Club).


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| SUMMARY OF THE YEAR | 1984 £000 | 1983 £000 |
|---|---|---|
| Turnover | 209,133 | 169,591 |
| Profit before Tax | 6,420 | 4,556 |
| Shareholders funds | 39,573 | 35,919 |
| Dividend per Ordinary Share | 6.0p | 5.2p |
| Earnings per Ordinary Share | 25.8p | 22.6p |
| Net asset value per Ordinary Share | 200.8p | 208.7p |

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1984

★ Profit before Tax increases for tenth successive year - up 41% to record high of £6.42 million
★ Turnover exceeds £200m for first time
★ House sales rise by 25% to almost 2,000 – Daily Express 'Housebuilder of the Year' award
★ Excellent year for Plant Hire
★ Essex & Suffolk Properties acquired for £11.64m

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## Bell Group to defend lawsuit

Sydney (Reuter) – Mr Robert Holmes a Court and the Bell Group, which he controls, will defend a lawsuit brought by asarco Incorporated, the mining group, alleging violation of the US Securities and Exchange Act.

Asarco has filed suit against Mr Holmes a Court and 12 corporate affiliates in the district court in New Jersey, alleging that the Bell Group misrepresented its purpose in acquiring Asarco shares.

The mining group filed the suit after Bell announced that it would seek clearance under the Hart-Scott-Boding Antitrust Improvement Act for the option to increase its Asarco stake

## Base Lending Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN Bank | 14% |
| Adam & Company | 14% |
| Barclays | 14% |
| BCCI | 14% |
| Citibank Savings † | 12½% |
| Consolidated Crds | 14% |
| Continental Trust | 14% |
| C. Hoare & Co | *14% |
| Lloyds Bank | 14% |
| Midland Bank | 14% |
| Nat Westminster | 14% |
| TSB | 14% |
| Williams & Glyn's | 14% |
| Citibank NA | 14% |

† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £2,000, 11%; £2,000 up to £10,000, 12%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 12½%; £50,000 and over, 12½%.


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PROFITS MORE THAN DOUBLED

| | Year to 31 December 1984 | Year to 31 December 1983 | Increase |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sales | IR£476.3m | IR£454.0m | + 4.9% |
| Pre-tax Profit | IR£ 20.1m | IR£ 9.1m | +120.9% |
| Earnings per Share | 8.11p | 4.05p | +100.2% |
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# Double weight on Everton's mind

By Clive White

Every manager, every year rolls out that cliché about the League being more important than the Cup. But every year teams with more than enough on their plate go swigging glory from the Cup.

Tonight four teams contest FA Cup ties knowing that victory will leave them 90 minutes from Wembley while their minds, we are led to believe, will be really concentrating on the bread and butter of the League.

That may be half truth in most cases, but one wonders whether Everton will protect their trophy with the same determination they demonstrated when winning it last season. It is true that they may have to win only three more matches to do so but the League, in which they are heavily and happily committed, is threatening to monopolize their thoughts and energies even more with matches against Arsenal, Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool in the coming weeks.

Though their programme becomes easier after the semi-finals on April 13, they can ill afford tonight's match going to a second replay.

Everton's squad is perhaps not as strong as Howard Kendall, the manager, would like, with roughly one man cover in each department of the team. The protracted injury to Heath, which we thought would be a crippling blow to Everton, has been countered by the good form of Sharp and Gray, who is fit as well.

Someone up there clearly loves them because the loss of Sheedy with a thigh injury in training yesterday has been offset to some extent by the good news of Sharp's return after an absence of three matches. Harper will come in for Sheedy and Sharp for Curran.

The loss of Sheedy is a blow to the solar plexus of the team. Their midfield is their strength. They simply overrun every side they meet, as they did Ipswich in Saturday's monumental Cup tie. Ipswich cannot possibly be battered more than they were then, but at the same time one senses that the two goals they scored were more than they can hope for again. The continued loss of D'Avray with a broken nose is unfortunate and yesterday Cooper, the goalkeeper, who had one of his better days on Saturday, injured his groin in training and Grew stands by.

The winners will meet the victors of tonight's other tie, at Kenilworth Road, Luton Town, occupying along with Ipswich a place in the first division's condemned cell, will not want a replay, having just had two with Watford in the fifth round. They will be attempting to reach the semi-finals for the first time in 26 years while their opponents, Millwall, will be seeking their first semi-final berth since 1937, when they became the first third division side to reach that stage.

Though still belonging to that division, Millwall are presently in second place and playing football above their station, as victories over Chelsea and Leicester City have demonstrated. Luton may be pleasantly surprised – or otherwise – to find themselves involved in something more akin to football than rollerball, as was the case against Watford, their arch-enemy.

Perhaps it was the 'flu virus' which has struck Millwall that made George Graham, the manager, decidedly cool yesterday about their chances. "I am a realist, not a dreamer," he said. "If we play to our maximum and Luton are some way short of theirs, we have a small chance of getting a draw – nothing more. We did not expect to get this far, and there comes a time when the luck dies on you."

Because of 'flu, Hinshelwood and Briley are doubtful, but Chatterton hopeful. However, Luton's match-winner on Saturday, Turner, has recovered from flu and is named in a 13-man squad which includes Foster, the captain, who missed a Wembley appearance two years ago with Brighton through suspension.




Fighting fit: Gray (left) and Sharp included in Everton's team to play Ipswich

# Bearzot warns on Cup places

Athens (Reuter) – Italy continue their carefully-planned build-up to the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico when they meet a rejuvenated Greece in the Olympic Stadium here today.

Enzo Beazot, the manager who masterminded Italy's triumph in Spain three years ago, has brought an 18-man squad to Athens, and he hopes they will form the nucleus of *the party which travels to Mexico* next summer. But Bearzot is too wily to let his players relax, and he has warned them that they will only retain their places "if they maintain their form over the next 15 *months*"

Giancarlo Antognoni could come back into the reckoning if he regains full fitness after a series of injuries, though the squad which defends the World Cup will probably contain all 18 on duty in Athens.

That leaves four places available, and, on current form, the goalkeeper Ivano Bordon, Gabriele Oriali, Roberto Tricella of Verona and Carlo Ancelotti of Roma, seem the most likely additions.

Greece are one of the most inconsistent sides in Europe, but they showed their potential in the Olympic Stadium last month when they beat Albania 2-0 in a World *Cup group one tie. They also held* Belgium to a goalless draw last December and will be eager to record a morale-boosting victory over the current world champions.

The match will also give the 1982 *World Cup quartet of Gaetano* Scirea, Paola Rossi, Marco Tardelli and Antonio Cabrinia chance to exorcise the bitter memory of their last visit to Athens. They were all in the Juventus team which crashed to an unexpected *1-0 defeat at the* hands of Hamburg in the 1983 European Cup final.

Italy (probable): F Tancredi; A Cabrini, G Bergomi, G Scirea, P Vierchowod; S Bagni, M Tardelli, A di Gennaro; S Altobelli, P Rossi, B Conti.

● Frankfurt (Reuter) – Pierre Littbarski, the Cologne winger, yesterday received a four-match ban after being sent off for persistent fouling in a West German first division game against Bayer Uerdingen 10 days ago. The ban runs out immediately before West Germany's World Cup qualifier with Malta in Saarbrücken on March 27.

Players suspended from league matches are not normally considered for the national team, though the manager, Franz Beckenhauer, had said he would select Littbarski whatever the ban.

# Key Oxford players struggle for fitness

**Oxford United** are struggling to get *two key players fit for tonight's* important second division game against **Wimbledon** at Manor Road.

Jeremy Charles, recently signed from Queen's Park Rangers for £100,000, is receiving intensive *treatment for a groin strain, and* Hamilton is suffering from tightened leg muscles.

Jim Smith, the Oxford manager, had intended playing Hamilton for only an hour against Sheffield United last Saturday. But the Irish international forward, who has been out of action for five weeks after a cartilage operation, had to stay on due to the injury to Charles.

Fourth-placed United have games in hand over the three teams above them and a win would lift them above Blackburn Rovers. "It would also do a lot to restore our confidence," Smith said.

**Barnsley** have been told to forget their FA Cup defeat by Liverpool as they try to close the gap on the second division leaders at home to **Brighton and Hove Albion.**

Barnsley have three games in hand on some of the leading pack and although they are currently in mid-table, maximum points from thoe games would put them in contention.

Following Sunday's 4-0 fifth-round home defeat by Liverpool, Bobby Collins, the Barnsley manager, could recall Walsh, who has recovered from a virus attack, and Gray, who came on as substitue against the League champions.

But Collins will again be without the forward Wylde and the full back Law, who have to complete two-match bans.

**Aston Villa** have injury problems for the first division game at home to **Arsenal**, and manager Graham Turner will have to make a late decision on his line-up.

He had hoped to field the side that finished the game at Norwich City on Saturday. But McMahon, the midfield player, who had to go off with a badly bruised ankle in the 2-2 draw, is definitely out, while Bradley, who came on as substitute, received a shin injury. He will need a late fitness test and will make his full debut if he is given the go-ahead to play.

Birch is still suffering from the effects of the influenza which kept him out of Saturday's game, and with Rideout again missing with a thigh injury, Kerr will continue in the attack.

Ray Walker, who spent three months on loan to Port Vale earlier in the season, could solve Villa's midfield problems.

The 21-year-old former England youth international has not played in Villa's first team since Turner was appointed manager last summer.

# Millichip is pessimistic about UEFA meeting

Bert Millichip, the Football Association chairman, broke ranks with the FA secretary, Ted Croker, yesterday. While Croker is "very optimistic" that the UEFA meeting in Lisbon of Friday will award the 1988 European Championships to England, Millinchip said: "We have lost the championships because for the conduct of our hooligans both in this country and abroad."

Millichip, speaking on the Thames TV programme, *Daytime*, which was given over to a discussion on football hooliganism, warned: "The day is not very far away when we are going to ban certain clubs by making them play behind closed doors."

● Queen's Park Rangers yesterday signed Paul Barron, the West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper, for £35,000. Barron, aged 31, who has also served Arsenal and Crystal Palace, is needed as cover for Peter Hucher.

● Manchester United will offer their full back, John Gidman, a new contract when his three-year term ends in July. Earlier this season, the 29-year-old defender, was made *available for transfer* but Unitd received no offers and the manager, Ron Atkinson, has had second thoughts following Gidman's improved form. Since he replaced the England full back, Mike Duxbury, in October, Gidman has made 23 appearances.

● Blackpool, who are among the fourth division promotion contenders, have signed Watford's full back Neil Price and the Wolverhampton Wanderers forward, Danny Crainie, on loan.

## Monday's results

**Fourth division**

STOCKPORT (0) 2 Kerr, Leonard; HEREFORD (0) 1 Harvey (pen) 1,750

**GOLA LEAGUE:** Nuneaton 2, Enfield 2. **SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division:** Croydon 3, Hendon 0. **NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:** Horwich 1, Goole 2; Stafford 1, Moseley 0. **CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division:** Newcastle 1, Barnsley 1. **Second division:** Leicester 2, Bolton 1; Middlesbrough 6, Grimsby 2. **SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division:** Leicester United 0, Redneisford 1. **Southern division:** Waterlooville 0, Thanet 3. **BIRMINGHAM SENIOR CUP: Semi-final:** West Bromwich Albion 1, Wednesfield Social 5. **LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round replay:** Finchley 3, Crown and Manor 1. **ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final:** Dagenham 1, Chelmsford 0.

**RUGBY UNION**

**CLUB MATCHES:** Aberllery 28, Torquay 4; Glamorgan Wanderers 8, Newbridge 16.



Gidman: ready to sign

## Sun shines on Harrow

By George Chesterton

**Harrow School** ..... 4
**Douai** ..... 2

In brilliant sunshine the home team continued their run of success. They are unbeaten three seasons. Douai scored after five minutes when Opia, with a fine turn of speed, ran down the right for Joyce to place his cross in the corner of the goal.

*Harrow replied almost immedi*ately through Glover, who accepted a through pass, sidestepped the centre back and tapped the ball past Beale.

Early in the second half Weston, for Douai, headed on target from a corner but from the goalkeeper's clearance, Butler, the hard-working Harrow captain, scored from 30 yards. Glover's second goal came when he deflected a half-cleared ball over the line.

At this stage it was all Harrow. Butler hit the crossbar, Bonomi shot just wide and with 10 minutes to go Glover scored his third when he drove the ball, left-footed, inside the post with Beale unsighted. Douai rallied and Opia headed in an excellent cross from Joyce to reduce the deficit.

HARROW: G Faith, P Lapp, B Tym, W Reynolds, J Rea, M Raper, J Pethers, A Butler, A Khan, E Bonomi, P Glover.
DOUAI: J Beale, C Flanagan, A Lumb, R Weston, M O'Donnell, S Johnstone, F Martinho, N Fletcher, C Opia, G Chestermant, J Joyce.
Referee: W Davis (Harrow).

TENNIS

# Young master Becker in a class of his own

Sindelfingen (Reuter) – Boris Becker, the West German teenager, is reaching stardom at a speed matched only by his service. At the beginning of 1984, Becker had collected a mere two grand prix points and was ranked a modest 720th on the computer ranking list.

Now No56 in the world, Becker became the youngest player ever to represent West Germany when he made his Davis Cup debut *in the* 3-2 victory over Spain at the weekend. He soon showed why many rate him as a future Wimbledon champion as he defeated the Spanish No1, Juan Aguilera, ranked No22 in the world, in straight sets – 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 – at Sindelfengen's Glass Palace near Stuttgart.

Becker then teamed up with Andreas Maurer to win the doubles *and put* West Germany into the next round, where they may face the United States – and, possibly, John McEnroe – at Hamburg in August. Though he lost the meaningless return singles, Becker's performances left no doubt he possesses a talent which should take hime to the top.

He has already attracted the attention of all the major tennis promotion agencies and a scramble for his signature. He and his parents eventually agreed a deal with the Romanian player, Ion Tiriac.

Tiriac, who also manages the Argentinian, Guillermo Vilas, agreed to *invest* $300,000 (£275,000) over the next two years in Becker's development – a sum he believes will be repaid many times over when the youngster reaches his full potential. Tiriac also persuaded Günther Bosch to give up *his job as the* West German national coach in favour of working with Becker.

It doesn't matter how much money Becker earns before 1986, where he is in the world rankings or how often he is beaten," Tiriac said. "The important thing is for him to *learn* his trade properly."

The Romanian has few doubts that Becker will succeed. "It's his determination that distinguishes him from other players. That's why I chose him," he said.

Becker is also, for a 17-year-old, remarkably powerful and he has an enviable coolness under pressure. Tiriac is protecting him from the almost hysterical adulation he is already receiving in the West German media by refusing all interview requests from journalists. He does not want him to fizzle out like other would-be successors to German finalists at Wimbledon. Gottfrid von Cramm and Wilhelm Bungert.

On grass, his favourite surface, the power of Becker's serve-and-volley game could see him emerge as a threat even to McEnroe. At Wimbledon last year, his first tournament on grass, he caused some upsets before an ankle injury forced him to retire in the third *round. Then, in the Australian* Open, he reached the last eight.

His greatest achievement to date came with his victory in the Belgian American Young Masters tourna*ment* in Birmingham in January when he beat Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, in the final to come out on top of a field which included all the world's best under-21 players. Becker has the same initials as *Bjorn Borg: one day he may share* his triumphs.

IN BRIEF

# Eagles move in to Rotherham for new support

The first professional Rugby League game to be staged in Rotherham takes place on March 29 when Sheffield Eagles play Swinton at Willmoor, the town's League football ground. Gary Hetherington, the Eagles's player-manager, said that the move from the club's usual venue at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium was aimed at drumming up support from Rotherham and easing a congested fixture list.

EQUESTRIANISM: John Whitaker, Harvey Smith, Michael Whitaker, Liz Edgar and Nick Skelton will represent Britain in the Paris International horse show this weekend. The World Cup qualifier will be on Sunday.

TENNIS: The International Tennis Federation said yesterday that it will inaugurate world team cup competition for boys and girls aged 16 and under from November 12 to 17. The 16-nation events, which will follow the format of the Women's Federation Cup with ties comprising one doubles and two singles, maches, are to be played in Kobe, Japan.

CYCLING: Joop Zoetemelk, of the Netherlands, gained leadership of the Tyrrhenian-Adriatic race yesterday by winning a fifth-stage time trial. Greg Lemond, of the United States, who was second overall yesterday morning withdrew suffering from a high temperature.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION:** Chelsea 2, Crystal Palace 1
**UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL:** Italy 1, Austria 0
**POSTPONED MATCHES:** Third division: Swansea City v Bristol City (outbreak of flu at Swansea) Football Combination: Birmingham v Swansea

## FOR THE RECORD

**GOLF**

*LPGA TOUR EARNINGS (US unless stated):* 1, P Sheehan $77,850; 2, B King $62,887; 3, B Lauer $54,836; 4, A Miller $53,876; 5, N Lopez $52,303; 6, H Stacy $46,658; 7, D White $39,000; 8, J Carner $37,579; 9, A Alcott $34,633; 10, A Okamoto (Jap) $33,520.

**BILLIARDS**

HATTON GARDEN: World Professional Championship: Quarter-final: R Foldvari (Aus) leads F Davis (Denbigh), 2-0. N Dagley bt J Kamhem 9-0 (400-24; 400-294; 400-54).

**TENNIS**

DALLAS: women's tournament: Singles: first round: B Gadusek (US) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt P Casale (US), 7-6, 6-3; M Schropp (WG) bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 6-4; B Bunge (Switz) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-4, 6-4; Z Garrison (US) bt M Piatek (US), 7-5, 6-4; S Hanika (WG) bt Potter (US), 7-6, 6-2.

WTA LEADING EARNINGS: 1, M Navratilova $199,687; 2, C Lloyd $99,437; 3, H Mandlikova (Cz) 98,537; 4, C Lindqvist (Swe) $53,375; 5, C Bassett (Can) $38,775; 6, K Jordan $38,700; 7, P Louie $36,100; 8, G Fernandez $35,112; 9, B Gadusek (WG) 34,112; 10, S Graf (WG) 30,512.

GRAND PRIX POSITIONS: 1, M Navratilova (US) 3,750 pts; 2, C Lloyd (US) 2,960; 3, H Mandlikova (Cz) 1,814; 4, Z Garrison (US) 1,450; 5, M Maleeva (Bul) 1,445; 6, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) 1,425; 7, H Sukova (Cz) 1,406; 8, C Bassett (Can) 1,305; 9, W Turnbull (Aus) 1,275; 10, S Hanika (WG) 1,153.

BRUSSELS: Belgian indoor Championships: First round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt W Fibaks (Pol), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt T Wilkinson (US), 6-1, 7-5; S Gammatva (US) bt K Curran (SA), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1.

H Gunthardt (Switz) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; T Hogstedt (Swe) bt J Frawley (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; T Smid (Cz) bt T Allen (Aus), 6-2, 7-5.

**SKI JUMPING**

HOLMENKOLLEN, Norway: World Cup: 90m: 1, M Nykaenen (Fin) 228.5 pts; 2, F Wiegele (Austria) 215.1, 3, G Balanche (Switz) 210.7. overall: 1, A Felder (Austria) 185 pts; 2, N Kykaenen 194; 3, E Vettori (Austria) 152.

**BADMINTON**

GRAND PRIX RANKINGS: Men: 1, M Frost 575 pts; 2, L Pongoh (Indo) 440; 3, N Yates (GB) 435; 4, S Baddeley (GB) 430; 5, M Kjaldsen (Den) 365; 6, I Frederiksen (Den) 310; 7 equal, Padukone (India) and H Arbi (Indo) 305; 9, M Sidek (Mal) 290; 10 equal, Yang Yang (China) and *Zhao Jianhua (China)* 280; 12, *Han Kuk* Sung (SKor) 255. Women: 1, K Larsen (Den) 775 pts; 2, H Troke (GB) 700; 3, Zheng Yuli (China) 580; 4, Wu Jianqiu (China) 540; 5, Qian Ping (China) 470; 6, Han Aiping (China) 280; 7, C Hattens (Den) 270; 8, D Julien (Can) 260; 9, R Sorensen (Den) 245; 10, Guan Weizhen (China) 230; 11, G Gowers (GB) 215; 12, E Latief (Indo) 195.

**FREESTYLE SKIING**

MARIAZELL, Austria: World Cup: Men's Mogul: 1, Schell (US), 23.84 pts; 2, N Carmichael (US), 23.59; 3, P Deiber (Fr), 23.39; 9, M Nemesvary (GB), 21.15. Men's Ballet: 1, R Schabl (WG), 27.1; 2, E Laboureix (Fr), 25.6; 3, G Furtmeier, 25.4; 12, M Nemesvary (GB), 23 7; 35, D Lewis (GB), 18.7

PILA, Italy: Men's Mogul race: 1, B Brandt, (Switz) 35.30pts; 2, P Bron (Fr) 24.72; 3, M Notini (It), 24.64. overall: 1, S Desovich (US), 157pts; 2, E Bartron (Fr) 150; 3, P Bron (Fr), 143. Women's Mogul race: 1, S Marsland (It) 23.30 pts; 2, L Morrison, (Can), 23.24; 3, M J Tampo (US) 22.30. overall: 1, Tampo 85 pts; 2, C Franer (Fr), 150; 3, M Uvnagan (Swe), 66.

*SQUASH RACKETS*

PARIS: First round: R George (Aus) bt W Hosey (Ire), 2-9, 9-6, 9-6, 10-8; R Hill (Aus) bt F Donnelly (Aus), 9-6, 6-9, 9-2, 9-5; Magsood Ahmed (Pak) bt N Edwards (US), 7-9, 9-3, 9-0, 9-5; K Smith (Aus) bt J Gomarup (Swe), 6-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-7; R Thorne (Aus) bt Umer Hayat Khan (Pak), 9-3, 9-0, 9-4; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt P Kenyon (GB) 9-5, 9-7, 4-9, 9-4; J Hickox (GB) bt J Foster (US), 9-2, 9-3, 9-2; S Davenport (NZ) bt Fehim Gul (Pak), 9-4, 9-1, 9-1.

**CYCLING**

ACQUAVIVA PICENA, Italy: Fifth stage, (12.4km): Tyrrhenian-Adriatic race: 1, J Zoetemelk (Neth) 20 min 11 sec; 2, A Van Der Poel (Neth) 9 sec behind; 3, A Da Silva (Por) 11 sec; 4, M Wilson (Aus) same time; 5, S Mutter (Switz) same time; 6, I Gaston (Sp) 14; 8, D Akam (GB) same time.
OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, Zoetemelk 23hr 1min 34sec; 2, Da Silva 5sec behind; 3, Mutter 1min 19sec; 4, Baronchelli (It) 1:25; 5, L Navarro (Sp) 1:27; 6, Gaston 1:32.

**CURLING**

PERTH: World Junior Championship: Scotland 10, Denmark 3; Canada 8, Switzerland 3; Swedan 9, Italy 4; Norway 8, Germany 3; US bt France.

**ICE HOCKEY**

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Chicago Black Hawks 4, New York Rangers 3.

**BASKETBALL**

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Washington Bullets 119, Chicago Bulls 112; Cleveland Cavaliers 122, Indiana Pacers 110; Milwaukee Bucks 121, Atlanta Hawks 115; Detroit Pistons 121, Los Angeles Clippers 114; Dallas Mavericks 103, Seattle Supersonics 100.

**RUGBY FIVES**

MALVERN COLLEGE: National Winchester Fives Championships: Semi-finals: S Constantina and DJ Hebden bt P Kingsbury and P Kennedy, 15-3, 15-8; D Barnes and M Tremellen bt R T W Warner and T Cobb, 15-11, 15-13. Final: Constantine and Hebden bt Barnes and Tremellen, 13-15, 15-10, 15-4.

RUGBY UNION

# Creation of international élite would revitalize England

*In the first of two articles* ***DON RUTHERFORD****, the Rugby Football Union's technical administrator, advocates that, if England are to once again become a "first division" nation, an élite of international players should be created, and run by a manager unconnected with national selection.*



Don Rutherford, the RFU technical administrator for 16 years, is a native of Tynemouth, where he was educated. He went to St Luke's College, Exeter, and was a teacher before joining the RFU. His included Percy Park and Gloucester, and he was capped 14 times by England as a full back, touring Australasia with the British Lions in 1966. He has written three bookds on coaching rugby and has edited several more.

**It hurts deeply to be told you are a second-class nation, on any terms. Yet this suspicion has hardened after looking at England's rugby results and performances over the last 20 years.**

**The experts might say that the "first division" of world rugby consists of New Zealand, South Africa, France, Australia and Wales; the "second division" of Scotland, Romania, England, Ireland and Argentina; and the "third division" of Japan, Italy, the US, Canada, Fiji and Tonga. Competition is fierce and the third division teams are improving their standards, *driven by the burning* ambition to compete on an equal footing with the first division countries.**

**Nothing is new. Countries taking up rugby start with the benefit of knowledge accrued over many years by the world's leading exponents. The teacher finds himself overtaken by the pupil, particularly true of team games where England played *the major role in early develop*ments.**

**It would be easy for England to do nothing, to accept that we will never equal the results of a first division team. We could settle instead for playing the game, perhaps as it was always intended, as a recreation where no one is too bothered about standards of performance.**

**Alternatively it would help arrest the slide if England's playing structure was streamlined, with the result that, some time in the future, we would have limited leagues and a thriving divisional competition, both of which would probably improve the national team performance. But the gestation period for such a development would be long and probably painful because of the sincere but diametrically opposed views held in different parts of the country.**

**The third and most revolutionary choice, which appeals to me greatly, is to accept the obvious weaknesses of the playing structure and simply treat international players differently by creating an élite. This is what happens in other British sports, even those which, by any definition, are clearly amateur, notably rowing.**

**Senior club and county players would indicate whether they wished to be considered for international rugby by registering with the Rugby Football Union. They would agree to play only one match a week and to follow a physical conditioning and skills programme which would maximize their natural talent. Such a system could only work with the full blessing of the national selectors, who would retain the ultimate sanction.**

**More attention should be given to basic and positional skills at club level. Absurd reasons, such as senior clubs being unable to muster more than a dozen *half* for this important type of practice, cannot be acceptable.**

**In this highly competitive world, at least 80 sporting activities are enticing youngsters, it is vital to have an attractive shop window in order to promote the game. England have been looking over the equivalent of Niagara Falls – an unpleasant drop and treacherous waters below – for many years. To perform again as a major international force, to find the consistency to emerge from the second division, we must look forward. We cannot improve unless we change; we must deny ourselves the tempting luxury of letting winter memories fade during the summer recess.**

**The game continues to expand. Tournaments such as the Hong Kong sevens indicate a desire for world gatherings. Only an ostrich *would rule out the possibility of a* world cup, or even the re-emergence of Rugby Union in the Olympic Games. Public pressure, created through the media, may demand not only that we take part in such events but that we perform with distinction.**

● *Tomorrow: The lessons given by the Australians.*

## Ulster parade

*Ulster will parade a galaxy of* international talent at Ravenhill, Belfast, on March 19 against a New South Wales Country XV, writes George Ace. Led by the Lions centre, David Irwin, the side *includes six of the current Ireland* team along with three other with international experience.

ULSTER: P Rainey (Lansdowne); T Ringland (Ballymena), J Hewitt (NIFC), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), K Crossan (Instonians), I Broom (Malone), R Brady (Queen's University); P Kennedy (London Irish), J McDonald (Malone), J McCoy (Dungannon), W Duncan (Malone), B McCall (London Irish), W Anderson (Dungannon), N Carr (Ards), P Matthews (Ards).

## Crawley injured

Paul Crawley, the Rosslyn Park lock forward has a broken hand and misses Saturday morning's visit to Old Deer Park, where London Welsh are unbeaten in their last 13 home games. He is replaced by Neil Edwards

# Burnhill's chance to impress

By David Hands

Steve Burnhill, the Loughborough University centre who toured South Africa with England last summer, is among 44 players invited to England's under-23 squad weekend at Bisham Abbey from March 22 to 24. Although there is no under-23 tour this season, the annual game in April between England Students and England Under-23 will offer the country's potential internationals some incentive.

The squad includes no senior capped players nor players from those clubs – Gloucester, Bath, Coventry and London Welsh – who will be involved in John Player Special Cup semi-finals the same weekend. The only exception is Morrison, the Loughborough University and Bath lock, who may be considered by his club if Redman fails to recover from a hand injury.

Several members of the squad may be in line for the B international against Italy at Twickenham on April 17 and the selectors will be particularly interested in the tight forwards. Charles Cusani, younger brother of David, the Orrell lock who also toured in South Africa, has been playing well for Orrell in the absence of his brother, although his better position may prove to be No 8, rather than second row.

There have been good reports of two loose head props, Jones from Gloucester and Linnett from Moseley while O'Leary (for Cambridge University) and Blackmore (for Gloucestershire) have caught the eye on significant occasions this season. Three of the Cambridge backs have been included, among them Martin, the left wing who was educated at Cardiff High School but was born at Rodstock, near Bath.

Martin, who has played full back for Cambridge and Cardiff, is currently playing for Nottingham, who have six other players in the squad. Among them is Moore, the hooker, and the only survivor of England's under-23 tour to Italy three years ago.

SQUAD: Backs: A Higgins (Vale of Lune), S Thresher (Harlequins), A Martin (Cambridge University), B Evans (Leicester), R Knibbs (Bristol), F Packman (Northampton), L Cokell (Blackheath), I Bates (Leicester), S Burnhill (Loughborough), J Duckton (Saracens), S Hartley (Nottingham), F Clough (Cambridge University), D Holdstock (Nottingham), P Cusack (Gosforth), C Chinyere-Oti (Durham University), M Fletcher (Harlequins), S Smith (Richmond), S Hodgkinson (Nottingham), R Moon (Nottingham), S Pearson (Oxford University), D Eddington (Bedford). Forwards: M Whitcombe (Leicester), P Jones (Gloucester), M Linnett (Moseley), B Moore (Nottingham), C Barker (Moseley), J Ward (Nottingham), P Sheridan (Wimbledon), R Keast (Redruth), R Kinsella (Orrell), J Morrison (Bath), J Howe (Hartlepool Rovers), A Blackmore (Bristol), C Cusani (Orrell), P O'Leary (Cambridge University), J Wells (Leicester), S Edwards (Gosforth), P Shillingford (Moseley), D Pegler (Wasps), A Harriott (Leicester), N McBain (Durham University), D Richards (Leicester), M Kenrick (Sale), D Egerton (Bath).

# No change

England, 4-0 winners over Northern Ireland last month, keep the same side for the under-15 international against West Germany at Wembley on Saturday.

TEAM: J Elliott (Solihull), P Kelly (north Kent), I Docker (Medway), S Tuttil (York), P Hilkin (South Nottingham), J Ebbrell (Wirral), R Thomas (Harrow), S Murray (Newcastle), J Beckford (Manchester), D Esquient (Islington and Camden), S Ward (Woking). Substitutes: C Starkey (Middlesbrough), A Miller (Harlow).

# Club players to give Welsh strong hand

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

If club experience counts for anything, the Polytechnic of Wales should win their seventh British Polytechnics Cup against Bristol today. The final of the competition, which is sponsored by *Rugby World*, will be played at the London Irish ground and brings together two teams who met in the area competition earlier in the season.

On that occasion Wales won handsomely, though only after Bristol had lost one of their leading back-row forwards. Today both make their sixth appearance in the final in the space of seven years, Bristol being the most recent since they were the losing finalists a year ago.

The holders, Kingston, lost heavily to Wales in the challenge round and today the Welsh side includes a senior cap in Shaw, the Cardiff lock, who played against Romania in 1983. They will be looking to Andrew Jones, the Abcravon stand-off half, to control matters behind a pack led by MacNaughton, a flanker who has represented Richmond.

Bristol cannot boast the same representative experience but they have received coaching in recent weeks from the two Bristol club players, Polledri and Lane, who were *students at the Polytechnic* when they last beat Wales in the cup final.

Allingham, the centre, played at half back for Scottish schools two years ago, but only two of their side, Pike and Meades, played in last season's final. In the absence of the club captain, Case, a lock forward who was injured in the semi-finals against Coventry, Bristol will be led by Gilbert from prop.

BRISTOL POLYTECHNIC: M Beresford (St Brendan's College); J Hardwicke (Rumney HSt, M Allingham (Strathallan), T Pike (Peter Symond's College, Winchester), S Jamieson (Monmouth), S Harvey (Christ College, Brecon), J Boulton (Bolsar GS, Warmington); J Warrell (Fitzharry's, Abingdon), R Lamb (Arnewood GS, New Milton), I Brown (Christ College, Brecon), M Jones (King's College, Taunton), P Meades (Llanishen HS), O Harries (Narberth).
POLYTECHNIC OF WALES: A Parry (St Cenydd GS); I Samuel (Ystalyfer CS), A Thomas (Llandovery CS), G Williams (Neol Dau, Bargoed), J Powell (Penglais CS); A Jones (Duffryn CS), R Jones (Ynys Awdre); D Short (Satt GS, Shipley), M Roberts (Brecon GS), G Llewellyn (Ysgol Gyfun, Cwyd), D McNaughton (St Olaves, Orpington), P Vaughan (St Olaves, Orpington), T Shaw (Pengam CS), N Llewellyn (Llangatwy GS, Neath), L Watts (Monmouth).
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

● After last week's UAU finals Swain, the Loughborough University No 8, was reported as having been educated at King Edward VI School, Birmingham. I should have made it clear that his school is that at Five Ways in Birmingham, a different establishement altogether and one which may not always receive appropriate credit for its products.

# Colts break new ground

By David Hands

England will send a colts team to tour Canada in August, the furthest afield this particular age group has yet been. The colts broke new ground with their tour to Italy two years ago and have now taken over a tour – including four provincial games and one against Canada youth – which was to have been undertaken by the Scottish Schools.

However the Scots are unable to travel and England accepted Canada's invitation instead, along with the problem of finding £20,000 to finance the tour. Many of those who will make the trip win their first colts cap against Italy at Northampton on Friday, a game which it is hoped will become reciprocal. England aim to play France at home and Italy away in alternate seasons.

Only one member of last season's colts squad remains: Eves, the Bristol back row forward. However, England have four members of last season's England 18 group schools side

After the fixture congestion caused by the bad weather, the colts *have rescheduled some games. The* international with Wales youth (who lost to France 16-15 at Abertillery last Saturday) has been brought forward a week and will be played at Moseley on March 23, and the country colts final will be played at Fylde on April 6.

SQUAD (v Italy): A Hobbs (Rosslyn Park), J Bentley (Cleckheaton), F Short (Weston), R Glenn (Nottingham, captain), R Bennett (Bristol), S Gough (Lodge), C O'Toole (St Helens), N Banbury (Nottingham), I Pamsby (Wesson), M McCormack (Wasps), S Kelly (Taunton), R Acland (Colchester), C Burden (Pontefract), D Eves (Bristol), P Gatenby (St Helens).

ENGLAND 16 AND UNDER: (v Italy at Twickenham on March 27): S Locke (Samtbridge School, Gloucester); C Harwood (Edgware School, Middlesex); J Wilson (Queen's College, Taunton), S Mess (King's School, Worcester), D Smith (Guiseley School, Leeds); S Painter (King's School, Taunton), B Fenley (Cheltenham GS), A Sharp (Henbury [illegible]), [illegible] (Rainford).

But Harlequins will not field David Cooke, their captain and the England pack leader "We reckon David will have a fairly tough afternoon against Scotland, so we have decided to give him the Sunday off," the Harlequins spokesman, Ken Pragnell, said.

John Ellison, No 8 for Cambridge in the University match in December, will play his second senior game for Wasps in their merit table home game against London Welsh this evening.

Simon Smith, who plays at Twickenham on Saturday, steps down and is replaced on the right wing by Roger Pellow.

# Busy weekend for Milne

Iain Milne, who plays for Scotland against England at Twickenham on Saturday, is in for a busy weekend. The 26-year-old tight-head prop plans to turn out for Harlequins in their club match against the John Player Cup semi-finalists Coventry on Sunday.

But Harlequins will not field David Cooke, their captain and the England pack leader. "We reckon David will have a fairly tough afternoon against Scotland, so we

RACKETS

# New pair start with win

By William Stephens

Thomas Brudenell and David Pease eliminated Charles Mason and David Makey 15-7, 15-6, 15-0, 13-18, 15-10 in the first round of the Celestion Loudspeakers open doubles championship, which began at Queen's Club yesterday as Brudenell, whose considerable experience in doubles has been in partnership with David Ruck-Keene, is paired with Pease for the first time.

Mason is in his first season of senior competition after leaving Malvern; Makey was deputy professional at Malvern before moving to Tonbridge. Brudenell and Pease, both old Etonians, put Mason under pressure but he later adjusted, retrieving well by watching the ball assiduously.

The winners were steady while Makey was *impetuous with some of* his shots, hitting down needlessly, as when leading 17-13 in the fourth game to lose service. Mason stayed cool and they deservedly won the game, but then the Etonians moved up a gear to take the match.

## SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper runs complete, spring snow. Middle runs complete, wet snow *on a firm base. Lower slopes very little or no* snow. Vertical runs: 1400ft. Hill roads and main roads clear. Snow level: 2000 feet. Glenshee: Upper runs some complete, wet snow. Lower slopes very little or no snow. Vertical runs: 1000 feet. Hill roads and main roads clear. Snow level: 2000 feet. Glencoe (open Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays only): Insufficient snow for skiing. Lecht: Upper runs almost complete, wet snow. Middle runs complete but narrow. Lower slopes limited nursery areas of wet snow. Vertical runs: 700 feet. Hill roads and main roads clear

BILLIARDS: Robbie Foldvari, *twice the Australian* amateur champion, took a 2-0 interval lead over the former world professional champion, Fred Davis, in their best of five quarter-final of the Eurotherm world professional championship at Hatton Garden.

RACING: INJURED FRANCOME FORCED TO SURRENDER THE WINNING RIDE IN CHAMPION HURDLE

# Badsworth Boy can silence Irish cheers in epic battle

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Badsworth Boy and Bobsline both standing their ground, today's Queen Mother Champion Chase has all the makings of being the needle match of the Festival meeting.

They represent the big hopes of the English and Irish camps respectively and nothing is more guaranteed to whip up an atmosphere than a clash of this nature, especially at Cheltenham.

Badsworth Boy, who has won this race for the past two seasons, is trying to become the first horse to win it three times. Bobsline, the winner of the Arkle Challenge Trophy last year, is the only natural challenger for his two-mile title to have emerged in the last 12 months.

Interestingly each has lost only one steeplechase when he has completed the course. Bobsline's solitary defeat was at Navan last November when he failed by a head to give 31lb to Speedy Thatch.

Badsworth Boy's winning sequence of 16 in completed chases was finally brought to an end at Worcester towards the end of last month. But again that was no disgrace because he was trying to give Classified 21lb over 2½ miles, a distance that was always likely to prove just too far for him in that company.

My feeling is that **Badsworth Boy** lost absolutely no caste in defeat at Worcester and that he is still as good as ever. If that proves to be a correct analysis, he should just be able to put Bobsline in his place.

No matter how he gets on aboard Bobsline, that stylish Irish jockey Frank Berry should still have something to celebrate this evening as he has an excellent chance of winning the Sun Alliance Chase on **Antarctic Bay**.

The winner of his last two races at Fairyhouse, Antarctic Bay has accounted for such stout opposition as Seskin Bridge, Rainbow Warrior, Buck House and Boreen Prince.

Lucisis, the other Irish challenger, finished 17 lengths behind Antarctic Bay in the second of those two races but I know that he is thought to be much better than that and capable of giving a really good account of himself this afternoon.

Rhyme 'n' Reason, beaten three lengths by the Gold Cup hope, Drumadowney, in the Reynoldstown Novices' Chase at Ascot at the beginning of February, looks the pick of the home defence.

Pat Hughes, who trains Antarctic Bay, must also be entertaining hopes of winning the National Hunt Chase with Insure. Judged on the way that he was finishing at the end of 3¼ miles at Punchestown last month, when he was third in the Ladbroke National Trial, he will have no trouble lasting four miles this afternoon.

Although the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle has attracted the maxiumum number of runners and is obviously wide open, I still feel that Ten of Spades (nap) has an excellent chance of winning this nice prize for Bill Whitbread, one of jumping's staunchest supporters.

Trained at Lambourn by Stan Mellor, Ten of Spades has already won over this course this year. He followed that with another smooth performance at Ascot where I was particularly taken with his cat-like agility at every jump.

Kingswick, Lonach, Lucky Rascal, Over the Last, Tawridge, The Liquidator and Sheer Gold represent formidable opposition but I am more than hopeful that Ten of Spades can beat them all.

Being a handicap, the Coral Golden Hurdle Final looks even more fraught with pitfalls. I have seen **Star Of Screen**, my selection, run well enough against a better class of horse on more than one occasion this season and the handicapper may have taken a liberty in giving him only 10st 9lb.

Star Of Screen is trained near Ross-on-Wye by John Edwards, who has an uncanny knack of doing well with his runners at the Festival. A year ago Star Of Screen finished sixth in the Triumph Hurdle and more recently he ran well behind Rose Ravine at Ascot.

Finally, Nicky Henderson, a trainer whose stable is very much on a crest at present, appears to have a good chance of winning the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup with either The Tsarevich or Green Bramble. At a difference of 16lb, the recent Lingfield winner, **Green Bramble**, is just preferred, although his jumping still leaves something to be desired.



See You Then (left) swoops on Gaye Brief at the last hurdle on his way to glory (Photograph: Chris Cole)

# See You Then in champion style

By Michael Seely

One dramatic happening after the other made for an action-packed afternoon the opening day of the National Hunt Festival at a sun drenched Cheltenham yesterday. John Francome, bruised and shaken after a second-fence fall from The Reject in the Arkle Challenge Trophy, was forced to surrender the winning ride on See You Then in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle to Steve Smith Eccles, and Browne's Gazette, favourite at 6-4 on to lift the title, had dismayed his thousands of supporters by swerving and losing 20 lengths at the start.

The winning time of 3min 51.7sec broke the track record established by Dawn Run last year and which had been equalled by Harry Hasting when registering a 14-1 surprise victory for Scotland in the opening Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle.

*Northern Trial* had set a blistering early pace, tracked by Desert Orchid, who dropped back beaten at the top of the hill. As they raced down the hill to the second last, Gaye Brief was travelling exceptionally smoothly with See You Then going equally easily just behind the leaders. Browne's *Gazette* had worked his way into a challenging position on the outside of his rivals.

Gaye Brief swept into the lead between the last two flights, but when Smith Eccles asked See You Then for his effort the issue was quickly settled. Producing an irresistible surge of speed, the five-year-old sprinted clear of the opposition, John O'Neill, on Robin Wonder, came late to take second place seven lengths behind with Stan's Pride three lengths away third.

This result represented a personal training triumph for the 34-year-old Micky Henderson, who has never lost faith in See You Then despite his remote third to Browne's Gazette in the Labroke Christmas Hurdle at Kempton on Boxing Day. "I knew that was all wrong", he said afterwards. "See You Then was never going at all and he never jumped a hurdle. But I had been impressed by his win over Little Bay at Doncaster. And he has worked magnificently since. I must say that this is not a bad way to have one's first winner at the Festival."

See You Then was bought for the Lambourn trainer by Frank McMahon after the gelding's spectacular victory at Punchestown last winter. And in the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle he had been narrowly defeated by Northern Game. "I'm sure he'll jump fences," the trainer concluded, "but we'll have to see if there's another Champion Hurdle in him first. I'm desperately sorry for John as he's been so loyal to the horse."

This was the most important victory not only of Henderson's career but also for the 29-year-old Smith Eccles. "John told me to lie handy, but to wait as long as we went to the last." Francome when home before the big race and it is not yet certain whether he will be fit to ride today.

The stewards held an inquiry into the start and accepted Dermot Browne's explanation that Browne's Gazette had anticipated the start and dived off to the left. "It certainly cost me my chance of winning", the favourite's jockey said. "I know we were soon back in touch again, but the horse never had time to get a breather, and I was clubbing along a long way out."

Hell certainly knows no fury like a defeated woman trainer. "Dermot was caught napping," Monica Dickinson said. "He was not in proper control of the horse and lost about 20 lengths. When Browne's Gazette tried to charge the tapes, he should have let him go and tried to anticipate the start. He'll remember this race for a long time. And he needs to."

Mercy Rimell was also far from pleases with Richard Linley's handling of Gaye Brief, the 1983 champion. "I thought Richard hit the front far too soon," the trainer said. "Particularly considering that Gaye Brief had been unable to have a race since the Bula Hurdle in December". Both the Winner and Gaye Brief are to renew their rivalry in the Sandeman Hurdle at Aintree.

The crowd were also roaring their heads off with excitement after that gallant mare, Rose Ravine had defeated her stable companion, Crimson Embers, by a neck in the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle. The 5-1 favourite started to falter racing to the last and swerved badly right on the flat, appearing to hamper the runner-up. "I know it looked bad, but we never touched," Ricky Pusey, the winning jockey, said. "I'm in a funny position," Stuart Shilston, the rider on the runner-up, said grimly. "I nearly got put over the rails" However, much to the fans' surprise the camera patrol film supported Pusey's opinion and the placings remained unaltered.

What a magnificent triumph this represents for Fulke Walwyn to saddle first and second in this important race for the same owner, Mrs Pamela Smart. "I'm glad they didn't take it away from the mare as she always runs her heart out," the 75-year-old trainer said.

Punters started the afternoon on a disastrous note when Ararun, the Irish banker at the meeting, could only finish eighth behind Harry Hastings in the Novices' Hurdle. "He didn't like the ground and could never get away from them," Paddy Mullins, the trainer, said.

John Wilson, the successful trainer from Cree Lodge stables at Ayr, has worked wonders with Harry Hastings, who was winning his fourth hurdle race in succession. "I bought him for 8,000 guineas at Newmarket," he said, "but he had cost Guy Harwood 200,000 guineas as a yearling. Harry Hastings now goes to Liverpool and I hope he'll prove to be champion Hurdle class next season."

● Half Free, trained by Fred Winter will run in the Gold Cup. His owner Sheik Ali Abu Khamsin expressed his wish to run in the big race.

# Boreen Prince leads one-two for the Emerald Isle

By John Karter

The conspicuous silence of the Irish after Ararun had capitulated tamely in the first race predictably lasted about as long as it takes to whip the top off a bottle of Guiness. Boreen Prince and Buck House had the boyos raising the roof in traditional Cheltenham style as they swept past the English hope, Very Promising, to scoop the first two places in the Arkle Challenge Trophy.

The final picture though, looked very different from the scene at the top of the hill with five fences to jump. At this point, David Nicholson, the man for whom the Festival has become a perenial nightmare, had good reason to believe that the jinx was about to end as his seven-year-old, Very Promising, looking full of running, shot into the lead.

However, as they swept down the hill, poor Nicholson must have felt that desperately familiar sinking feeling as Tommy Carmody slipped Buck House, the favourite, smoothly past Very Promising.

*Indeed*, so easily was Buck House travelling that Carmody, knowing he had Nicholson's horse beaten, was able to take a long look round to see if there was anything else with petrol enough left in the tank to trouble him.

What Carmody saw must have come as quite a shock. Boreen Prince, although being driven along by Niall Madden, was closing relentlessly. Carmody, began to throw in everthing on Buck House, while Very Promising, rallied bravely under an equally determined ride by Peter Scudamore.

However, those who remember Madden's epic victory on Canny Danny over John O'Neill on Torreon in the Sun Alliance Chase a few years ago (not to mention his Festival win on such outstanding horses as Golden Cygnet) would not have been surprised at the magnificently strong finish this "forgotten" Irish rider produced on Boreen Prince.

Andrew McNamara's horse, who had finished second to Gaye Brief in the 1983 Champion Hurdle, responded without flinching and strode past Buck House with 100 yards to go.

McNamara is now seriously considering running Boreen Prince in tomorrow's Gold Cup, for which he is quoted at 20-1. The trainer reasons that if Burrough Hill Lad does pull out, Drumadowney, the new favourite, is only a novice himself. A definite decision will be taken this morning on whether the horse, who was bought for what connections call "hot money" at Goffs by William Lanehan, his owner, will run.

*But if the Arkle* was another chapter in the continuing Festival misfortune of Nicholson, it was also very much the story of the rekindled fortunes of Madden, the quiet Irishman who lets his riding do the talking.

Known as "Boot" because he arrived at Eddie O'Grady's stable for his first job wearing boots far too big for him, Madden came over to England to ride for John Edwards two seasons ago, but everything went wrong through no fault of his own and he returned to the Emerald Isle at the beginning of the current campaign, where he swiftly got back among the winners.

If Boreen Prince showed plenty of heart in achieving his victory, then Glyde Court almost literally did so in winning the Kim Muir Challenge Cup. Glyde Court has a "dicky" heart and must be allowed several weeks between his races.

Clearly it does not hinder him when he does perform, because he showed the utmost courage under Simon Sherwood to fight off Brunton Park, the favourite, who looked certain to swamp him, coming down the hill for the final time.

Fred Winter, Glyde Court's trainer, was entitled to wear a smile as broad as one of the open ditches because this was a rare highlight in what for him has been a disappointing season.

The afternoon closed with another admirably professional demonstration from Steve Smith Eccles. Still euphoric from his Champion Hurdle triumph, he timed his challenge perfectly as he rocketed Kathies Lad into the lead on the final bend in the Grand Annual Chase. The top weight strode clear from Midnight Song to take Smith Eccles into the lead for the Ritz Club Trophy for the meeting's leading rider.

● Killyglen, trained by William Hastings Bass, failed by a nose to win the £3,575 Prix des Palmiers at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday. Killyglen was caught on the line by the fast finishing Pagan.

## Burrough Hill Lad unlikely to run

**Burrough Hill Lad, the strongest ante-post Gold Cup favourite since Arkle, is now unlikely to run in tomorrow's Blue Riband of chasing on the final day of the Cheltenham Festival.**

**His trainer, Jenny Pitman, said at Cheltenham yesterday: "Burrough Hill Lad is most unlikely to run in the Gold Cup. My vet is having another look at him at 9.30 tomorrow morning, but the problem is the bruise on his off-fore leg. The cut is all right – it is the bruising that is the trouble."**

**Mrs Pitman continued: "I have now entered him in the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse on Easter Monday, and he'll probably run there, dependent on what weight he gets. I don't think he'll go to Aintree for the Whitbread Trophy because the ground is likely to be too fast for him there."**

**Ladbroke's latest prices for the Gold Cup are: 11-2 Combs Ditch, Drumadowney, 6 Earls Brig, 7 Forgive n' Forget, Righthand Man, 10 bar.**

## CHELTENHAM (BBC)

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GOING: good

**2.15 'SUN ALLIANCE' NOVICE HURDLE (Grade I: £23,490: 2m 4f) (30 runners)**

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| 104 | 8/01 | COME ALIVE (J Poynton) J Gifford 8-11-7 | Peter Hobbs |
| 107 | 20030-0 | FRIENDLY HENRY (P Wright) J Fox 5-11-7 | S Moore |
| 108 | 303132 | GOLDEN WARRIOR (Mrs W Johnston) J Scott (ire) 5-11-7 | P Gill |
| 109 | 340-332 | HORN OF PLENTY (BF) (C Moorsom) J Edwards 6-11-7 | P Barton |
| 110 | 3u1123 | INISHARRAN (D) (J Blanchfi Mrs M Rimell 6-11-7 | S Morshead |
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| 116 | 2r-1331 | LUCKY RASCAL (J Ingram) J Gifford 6-11-7 | R Rowe |
| 117 | 100-483 | MASTER CONE (M Reid) M Reid 8-11-7 | P Carvill |
| 118 | 42111p | MASTER VINCE (S Squires) C Holmes 7-11-7 | C Mann |
| 119 | 311443 | MEISTER (C,D) (A Gratton) J Old 5-11-7 | G Bradley |
| 120 | 02312 | MOON MARINER (W Mullins) D Elsworth 5-11-7 | C Brown |
| 121 | 110 | OVER THE LAST (A Delaney) T Carberry (ire) 5-11-7 | T McGivern |
| 122 | b21 | OXHEY COTTAGE (G Johnson) N Henderson 5-11-7 | S Smith Eccles |
| 123 | 001032 | PROUD BISHOP (P Cushnane) A Moore (ire) 6-11-7 | T J Taaffe |
| 125 | 11140 | SAUSAGE (D Hebditch) L Kennard 5-11-7 | B Powell |
| 126 | 0-130 | STONEY CREEK (C O'Farrell) D Hughes (ire) 5-11-7 | K Morgan |
| 129 | 311140 | SUTTON PRINCE (D) (BF) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) F Winter 7-11-7 | R Linley |
| 131 | 1011 | TAWRIDGE (D) (L A H Ames Ltd) A Turnell 5-11-7 | Steve Knight |
| 132 | 311 | TEN OF SPADES (C) (W Whittread) S Mellor 5-11-7 | M Perrett |
| 133 | 42 | TEN PLUS (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 5-11-7 | K ooney |
| 135 | 1f1 | THE LIQUIDATOR (B Wheatley) M Pipe 5-11-7 | P Leach |
| 136 | 2 | TICKITE BOO (W O'Gorman) D Nicholson 5-11-7 | P Scudamore |
| 137 | 004143 | CURRY LUNCH (M Thommitt) H de Bromhead (ire) 5-11-2 | J P Byrne |
| 139 | 00-4227 | KUTTY BUSKINS (BF) (P Sheridan) F Sheridan 7-11-2 | G Newman |
| 140 | 11 | SHEER GOLD (D) (Mrs P Harris) G Balding 5-11-2 | S Reilly |
| 142 | 211420 | FREEFLOW (D) (G Richards) G Richards 4-10-12 | J Hansen |
| 145 | 100110 | MARINERS DREAM (D Newton) R Hollinshead 4-10-12 | J J O'Neill |

1984: Feality 4-10-12 S J O'Neill (33-1) P Brookshaw 29 ran.

5 Over The Last, 6 Ten Of Spades, 7 Shear Gold, 10 Kingswick, The Liquidator, 12 Lucky Rascal, Golden Warrior, 14 Sutton Prince, Stoney Creek, 16 Tawridge, Tickite Boo, Moon Mariner, Inisharran, 20 Asir, Oxhey Cottage, 25 others.

FORM: ARARUN, (11-8) ran here yesterday unplaced to Harry Hastings (11-8). (2m now hdle, £22,350, good) OVER THE LAST (11-1) 6½l away 7th of 8 to Fredcoser (11-4) with ARARUN (11-4) 2nd btn 1½l Leopardstown 2m hdle, £20,979, good, 20 Feb). INISHARRAN (11-8) 5l 3rd to See You Then, (12-0) at Doncaster (2m 4f hdle, £1,680, firm, Feb 25, 8 ran). LONACH (11-5) stayed on to beat Ulan Bator (11-5) 12l at Newbury, MEISTER (11-5) 20l away 3rd (3m hdle, £5,913, heavy, Mar 2, 8 ran). LUCKY RASCAL (11-8) beat Forewarn (11-1) by 5l at Lingfield (2m hdle, £589, soft, Feb 28, 14 ran), TAWRIDGE (11-9) easy 5l Leicester winner from Mezlera (10-7) (2m 4f hdle, £2,718, heavy, Jan 28, 10 ran), TEN OF SPADES (11-7) beat El Gitano (11-4) 16l at Ascot (2m hdle, £3,118, good, Feb 6, 13 ran). THE LIQUIDATOR (10-5) was unchallenged by 10l from Eclerspring (10-0) at Newbury, MASTER CONE (10-7) ½ away 3rd, FRIENDLY HENRY (10-0) out of first 6 and MASTER VINCE (11-7) pulled up (2m 4f hdle, £1,743, soft, Mar 1, 22 ran). SHEER GOLD (10-11) purchased run-in to beat MOON MARINER (11-2) by 1½l at Huntingdon (2m 4f hdle, £5,213, good to soft, Feb 7, 11 ran).
Selection: OVER THE LAST.

**2.50 QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (Grade I: £22,515: 2m) (5)**

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| 201 | 1111-12 | BADSWORTH BOY (C,D) (BF) (D Armitage) Mrs M Dickinson 10-12-0 | R Earnshaw |
| 202 | 11-1211 | BOBSLINE (C,D) (R Kelsey) F Flood (ire) 9-12-0 | F Berry |
| 203 | 141240 | FAR BRIDGE (D) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 9-12-0 | S Reilly |
| 205 | 1112fp | KYOTO (C,D) (S Monkhouse) J Jenkins 7-12-0 | S Smith Eccles |
| 206 | 1-04100 | LEFT BANK (D) (G Beccle) D Morley 7-12-0 | J Francome |

1984: Badsworth Boy 9-12-0 R Earnshaw (8-13 fav) M W Dickinson 10 ran.

4-5 Bobsline, evens Badsworth Boy, 16 Far Bridge, 25 Left Bank, 33 Kyoto.

FORM: BADSWORTH BOY (12,0) ¾l 2nd to Classified (10-7) at Worcester (2m 4f, Feb 27), previously twice the winner of this race, last year (12-0) easy 10l winner from Little Bay (12-0) (£21,005, good, Mar 14, 10 ran). BOBSLINE (12-2) beat Larry's Latest (9-11) by 3l at Leopardstown (2m 2f ch, £2,070, yielding, Feb 27, 5 ran. LEFT BANK (10-13) 5th beaten 12l to Western Sunset (10-9) with FAR BRIDGE (11-0) 8th beaten over 15l, 8 ran. Sandown 2m 4f hcap ch, good to soft, Feb 2.
Selection: BADSWORTH BOY.

**3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE FINAL (£14,342: 3m 1f) (32)**

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| 301 | 010230 | NIALAN (N de Savary) J Jenkins 5-11-10 | J Francome 4 |
| 302 | 4-24111 | MISTY DALE (C) (D Rose) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-7 | B de Haan |
| 303 | 1-142p0 | EVER GREAT (D Bowkett) D Dugmore 6-10-13 | P Double |
| 304 | 1211-20 | RUN LEAH RUN (C Alexander) R Fisher 6-10-13 | C Grant |
| 305 | 13-000p | LAWNSWOOD MISS (C) (A Hill) D Nicholson 7-10-13 | P Scudamore |
| 306 | 1-1f1p3 | RUFUS T FIREFLY (S Astaire) N Henderson 7-10-12 | P Croucher 4 |
| 308 | 1104-0 | ANGELO SALVINI (C,D) (T Easterby) M H Easterby 9-10-11 | Mr T Easterby |
| 309 | 30F204 | STAR OF SCREEN (Mrs J Dyson) J Edwards 5-10-9 | P Barton |
| 310 | 011331 | BANKERS BENEFIT (Brig B Fowler) J Fowler (ire) 5-10-9 | N Madden |
| 311 | 0-41211 | GOOSEY GANDER (R Graham) J Jefferson 6-10-9 | P Tuck |
| 312 | 010-100 | SPACED OUT (C,D) (L Phippe) T Bailey 10-10-6 | Mr B Dowling 7 |
| 313 | 114-000 | ANEX (BF) (D Tyler) Mrs N Smith 8-10-6 | R Rowe |
| 314 | 1-11011 | CHRYSAOR (P Fahey) S Christian 7-10-9 | W Newton 4 |
| 315 | 21-3030 | TRUST THE KING (N Delamain) Mrs J Barrow 8-10-6 | Peter Hobbs |
| 316 | 09-0034 | BRASS CHANGE (N Goodliff) I Duggan 7-10-7 | R Linley |
| 317 | 231021 | VON TRAPPE (P Clarke) M Oliver 8-10-6 | R Dunwoody |
| 318 | 10/1210 | INDAMELODY (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 7-10-5 | S Smith Eccles |
| 319 | 042300 | CROSS MASTER (Mrs P Flight) T Sill 8-10-5 | G Williams 7 |
| 320 | f-20110 | CRAMSHOND BRIG (B) (W Jackson) M W Easterby 8-10-3 | J J O'Neill |
| 321 | 11P132 | GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (A Carrier) C Thetford 7-10-1 | J Suthern |
| 322 | 19p001 | ROAD TO MANDALAY (B) (Dalsaorr Ltd) D Barons 8-10-0 (4 ex) | H Davies |
| 323 | 0-11200 | RANDOMLY (M Thompson) D Morrill 6-10-0 | Mr R J Berrigan |
| 324 | 4-422p4 | OREGON TRAIL (BF) (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 5-10-0 | NON–RUNNER |
| 326 | 404f60 | CELTIC CRACKER (H Kelly) R Hartop 7-10-0 | J Barlow |
| 327 | 341020 | LE LEVADOR (D Hill) D Wintle 6-10-0 | A Carroll |
| 328 | 1000-10 | TRIPLE JUMP (B) (M Ritzenberg) G Thorner 5-10-0 | C Brown |
| 329 | p-0030p4 | SONNY (M Meyerott) D Nicholson 8-10-0 | G Newman |
| 330 | 02-0300 | MOSSY BELL (P Cowyn) R Holder 5-10-0 | N Coleman 4 |
| 332 | 224-002 | WAYANNICOR (J Lees) S Lassbetter 7-10-0 | M Barnes |
| 333 | 0-00412 | NOBLE PATROL (A Shaw) C James 11-10-0 | G McCourt |
| 334 | p0p000 | RODNEY PARADE (S Pelling) Mrs B Waring 10-10-0 | M Herrington |
| 335 | 0300/00 | THE DISCO DAGO (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 7-10-0 | S Morshead |

1984: Canlo 7-10-9 J Francome (20-1) R Hodges 31 ran.

7 Goosey Gander, 8 Crammond Brig, 9 Star Of Screen, 10 Bankers Benefit, Rufus T Firefly, 12 Misty Dale, Run Leah Run, 14 Anex, 16 Gembridge Jupiter, Brass Change, Road To Mandalay, 20 Angelo Salvini, Triple Jump, 25 others.

FORM: MISTY DALE, 8l Sandown winner (12-0) from Grundy Glow (11-2) last time, previously (10-11) had NIALAN (11-7) 2½l back in 3rd when Cheltenham winner (3m hdle, £2,725, good to soft, Jan 2, 11 ran). BRASS CHANGE (11-0) was 7th. RUFUS T FIREFLY (11-4) 4l 3rd of 15 to Tugboat (10-8) at Plumpton (2m 4f hdle, £4,854, soft, Feb 26). ROAD TO MANDALAY (10-6) was 9th. STAR OF SCREEN (11-9) 5½l 4th of 10 to Rose Ravine (11-9) at Ascot (3m hdle, £4,495, good, Feb 8). NIALIN (11-9) was 3l further back in 6th. BANKERS BENEFIT, successful over 2m last time, earlier (11-10) 5l 3rd to For Jon (9-12) over 3m at Leopardstown (£31,242, good, Jan 12, 18 ran). GOOSEY GANDER (10-0) comfortable 6l Sandown winner from Bolands Cross (10-11) (2m 5f hdle, £3,061, good to soft, Dec 1). EVER GREAT (11-4) was further 10l away in 4th. NIALAN (11-4) another 4l away 5th, and ROAD TO MANDALAY (10-11) were out of the first 9. SPACED OUT, distant 5th last time, earlier (10-0) had VON TRAPPE (10-2) 21½l back in 3rd when course and distance winner (£4,142, soft, Nov 10, 15 ran). CROSS MASTER (10-9) was 2½l further away in 4th. ANEX (10-12) 7th, SONNY (10-0) 8th and LAWNSWOOD MISS (11-10) tailed off in 13th. CHRYSAOR (10-7) unchallenged for 15l Kempton victory over STAR OF SCREEN (11-5) (2m 4f hdle, £2,683, good to soft, Dec 27, 7 ran). GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (11-4) was another 15l back in 3rd.
Selection: STAR OF SCREEN

**4.5 'SUN ALLIANCE' CHASE (Grade I: £23,540: 3m) (12)**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 401 | s21211 | ANTARCTIC BAY (P Meade) P Hughes (ire) 8-11-4 | F Berry |
| 402 | 0-pr141 | CATCH PHRASE (D) (K Cam) J Gifford 7-11-4 | R Rowe |
| 403 | 3-1211 | COOL MAGIC (D) (F Jestin) F Jestin 7-11-4 | Mr C Thornton |
| 404 | 1-11222 | DARC HANSEL (BF) (Mrs G Morris-Adams) N Gaselee 7-11-4 | S Smith-Eccles |
| 405 | 330312 | GAINSAY (BF) (Mrs I Silver) D Nicholson 6-11-4 | P Scudamore |
| 406 | 3113311 | LUCISIS (Mrs H McPharland) F Flood (ire) 6-11-4 | A Powell |
| 408 | 201-4u0 | MANNA REEF (K Al-Said) J Edwards 7-11-4 | P Barton |
| 409 | 111-112 | RHYME 'N' REASON (BF) (Miss J Read) D Murray Smith 6-11-4 | G Bradley |
| 410 | 142fu1 | SIGN AGAIN (R Wright) J Fox 7-11-4 | S Moore |
| 411 | 23/0-02 | SPIDER'S WELL (D D'Byrne) J Gifford 9-11-4 | Peter Hobbs |
| 412 | 104-230 | STEARSBY (BF) (T Ramsden) G Thorner 6-11-4 | A Carroll |
| 413 | 421103 | ZAMANDRA (D) (L Wild) J FitzGerald 10-10-13 | M Dwyer |

1984: A Kinsman 8-11-4 T G Dun (10-1) J Brockbank 18 ran.

7-2 Rhyme 'N' Reason, 4 Antarctic Bay, 5 Lucisis, 6 Darc Hansel, 8 Gainsay, Catch Phrase, 10 Sign Again, 12 others.

FORM: ANTARCTIC BAY (12-0) 2½l Fairyhouse winner from Boreen Prince (12-0), with LUCISIS (11-11) another 15l away in 3rd (2m 6f ch, £6,900, heavy, Feb 9, 5 ran). Earlier LUCISIS (11-4) had beaten Boreen Prince (11-10) 2l at Fairyhouse (2m 6f ch, £4,830, good, Dec 8, 6 ran). CATCH PHRASE (11-9) 12l Newbury winner from DARC MANSEL (12-0) (3m ch, £2,051, soft, Mar 2, 7 ran). GAINSAY (12-3) 4l of 15 to King's Brig (10-10) at Haydock, a short head in front of ZAMANDRA (12-6) who was 3rd (3m ch, £2,217, good to soft, Mar 2). Previously GAINSAY (11-0) ridden out to beat STEARSBY (11-0) 3l at Kempton (2m 4f ch, £2,448, good to soft, Dec 28, 7 ran). RHYME 'N' REASON (11-8) 3l 2nd of 8 to Drumadowney (11-8) at Ascot (3m ch, £10,280, good, Feb 6). CATCH PHRASE (11-12) was another 15l back in 4th. SIGN AGAIN (11-4) 1 ½l Newbury winner from Lewesdon Prince (11-4) (2m 4f ch, £4,084, soft, Mar 2, 11 ran).
SELECTION: RHYMME 'N' REASON.

## Cheltenham selections

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2.15 TEN OF SPADES (nap). 2.50 Badsworth Boy. 3.30 Star Of Screen. 4.05 Antarctic Bay. 4.40 Insure. 5.15 Green Bramble.

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2.15 Ten Of Spades. 3.30 GOOSEY GANDER (nap). 5.15 Green Bramble.

**4.40 NATIONAL HUNT CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (amateurs: £8,710: 4m) (21)**

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| 501 | p1p1p2 | DELATOR (P Brewer) I Wardle 8-12-7 | F Codd |
| 503 | 00-82p1 | BATCHWORTH (Mrs D Pinch) N Henderson 7-12-4 | T Thomson Jones |
| 504 | 2/0f-1 | BROTHER JACK (Mrs J Beatby) Mrs J Beatby 9-12-4 | C Beatby |
| 505 | 004304 | CALDWELL CASE (R Swiers) R Swiers 10-12-4 | S Swiers |
| 506 | 223123 | INSURE (C Cosgrave) P Hughes (ire) 7-12-4 | T M Walsh |
| 507 | 214202 | NORTHERN BAY (Twycross Frozen Food Centre) T Gill 9-12-4 | A Fowler |
| 508 | 330p-41 | SIDBURY HILL (S Pike) S Pike 9-12-4 | A J Wilson |
| 510 | 123303 | WELFARE (T Metcalf) G Richards 7-12-4 | J Walton |
| 512 | 00-0pp0 | BROXTED BOY (J Carden) J Carden 6-12-0 | J Carden |
| 513 | 0-0pp0 | CHALFORD HILL (T Bushell) M Gibson 8-12-0 | G Rice |
| 514 | 004-400 | FLYING JACKDAW (J Sisken) H O'Neill 9-12-0 | S Sherwood |
| 515 | 00f1f4 | GAMBLING ABBOT (J Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 7-121-0 | M Price |
| 516 | 20433 | GAY FISH (T Ragget) Mrs S Davenport 9-12-0 | R Matthias |
| 517 | 000-00b | KRYPTON (V Burke) J Wilson 7-12-0 | Mrs G Rees |
| 519 | uf20f0 | RED SHAH (T Stafford) M Morris (ire) 8-12-0 | A J Martin |
| 520 | 0-0rpx3 | RYEDALE (B) (R Wright) P Cundell 8-121-0 | J Queally |
| 521 | /0p-04p | TULLMAK (Dr T Davies) R Parker 7-12-0 | T Grantham |
| 522 | 0/P-3P0P | SPARKINNOCK (Suk Un) J Castle 8-11-13 | R Mann |
| 523 | 2-33300 | BORN BOSSY (Sir D Bailey) T Bailey 7-11-9 | B Dowling |
| 524 | fp/003 | GILDED GAMBLE (J Williamson) J Williamson 8-11-9 | Mrs J Wilson |
| 525 | 024400 | MY CULLEN (D Barrott) D Thom 5-11-5 | D Murphy |

1984: Macks Friendly 7-12-7 Mr W P Mullins (Ire) 18 ran.

5 Insure, 6 Batchworth, 7 Red Shah, 8 Sibury Hill, Welfare, 10 Delator, Brother Jack, 14 Gay Fish, Spartiquick, 16 Northern Bay, Caldwell Case, 20 others.

FORM: BATCHWORTH, (11-2) beat Indiana Dare (11-2) by 4l at Leicester, BROXTED BOY (11-8) pulled up behind (3m ch, £1,011, good to soft, Feb 25, 14 ran). BROTHER JACK (11-9) won a Hunters' ch comfortably by 15l from Moreton (11-3) (3m, £985, good to firm, Feb 27, 11 ran). INSURE, (10-1) 4l 3rd to fav jon (10-5) at Punchestown (3m 5f ch, £6,500, yielding, Feb 23, 14 ran). NORTHERN BAY (11-12) 1l runner-up to Macolliver (11-2) at Leicester (m ch, £976, good to soft, Feb 25, 10 ran). SIDBURY HILL (12-0) easy Leicester Hunters' ch winner by 10l from Fada (12-0) (3m, £772, soft, Mar 4, 10 ran). WELFARE, (10-0) 12l 3rd to Sea Splash (10-4) at Southwell (3m ch, £1,367, soft, Mar 1, 10 ran). RED SHAH, (10-13) 5th to Rainbow Warrior (10-4) (2m 4f), last year (12-0) 5l runner-up to Macks Friendly (12-7) in this race, PLYING JACKDAW (12-0) 4l away 3rd (£7,897, good, Mar 14, 18 ran). SPARTIQUICK (11-9) was pulled up that day, but on most recent start (10-7) beat Shamrock Bridge (10-7) 6l at Leicester (2m 4f ch, £1,252, soft, Mar 4, 10 ran).
SELECTION: RED SHAH.

**5.15 MILDMAY OF FLETE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£11,691: 2m 4f) (17)**

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| 603 | 111111 | BEAU RANGER (C,D) (White Bros Taunton) J Thorne 7-11-9 | J Hurst 7 |
| 604 | 0-33111 | WESTERN SUNSET (D) (S Sarsabury) T Forster 9-11-9 (5 ex) | H Davies |
| 605 | r-03012 | THE TSAREVICH (D) (Mrs C Henty) N Henderson 9-11-7 | J Wilson |
| 606 | 3-41141 | MOSSY MOORE (C,D) (M Cairs) K Oliver 9-11-6 | T G Dun |
| 607 | 42-3113 | DIRECT LINE (D) (BF) (B Otter) J FitzGerald 11-11-5 | R O'Leary |
| 608 | 113000 | CARVED OPAL (D) (Mrs J de Abecassis) F Winter 7-11-3 | J Francome |
| 609 | -142321 | KATHIES LAD (C,D) (J Clayton) A Jarvis 8-11-5 (6 ex) | T Carmody |
| 611 | 0-4f | GOING STRAIGHT (N Grady) M Cunningham (ire) 10-10-12 | K Morgan |
| 613 | 20-0000 | ST ALEZAN (C,D) (Ld Coventry) M Tate 8-10-8 | P Scudamore |
| 614 | /104-24 | SHREWD OPERATOR (J Upson) S Mellor 8-10-6 | M Perrett |
| 616 | 121/f1 | GREEN BRAMBLE (D) (Lady Plummer) N Henderson 5-10-5 (3 ex) | S Smith Eccles |
| 617 | 3-01p11 | MISTY FORT (D) (J Sumner) T Forster 7-10-5 | R Dunwoody |
| 618 | p-30113 | BISHOP'S ROW (C,D) (Mrs A Morley) A Turnell 9-10-4 | Steve Knight |
| 619 | p2f-p00 | MR PEAPOCK (C,D) (Mrs B Collins) W G Turner 9-10-2 | Jessica Turner 7 |
| 621 | 1100-33 | SCOTTISH SOUND (D) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) R Hodges 9-10-0 | R Linley |
| 625 | 221301 | WINGETTS (D) (F Wingett) Mrs M Rimell 9-10-0 | S Morshead |
| 627 | 2f334u | PERHAPS LUCKY (Mrs V Hodges) D Elsworth 8-10-0 | R Arnott 4 |

1984: Half Free 8-11-8 R Linley (16-1) F Winter 16 ran.

9-4 The Tsarevich, 6 Western Sunset, 7 Mossy Moore, 8 Beau Ranger, Direct Line, 10 Carved Opal, 12 Green Bramble, Bishops Bow, Going Straight, 14 Shrewd Operator, Misty Fort, 16 Wingetts, 20 others.

FORM: BEAU RANGER, unbeaten in 6 starts this season, last time out (10-7) made all at Kempton when CARVED OPAL (11-7) was beaten 38l in 3rd (2m 4f ch, £4,948, good to soft, D

Player turned patriarch faced with natives' revolt

# Chinaglia's fight to cement a falling empire

SPORT IN AMERICA
Sue Mott

Like a lot of Roman emperors before him, Giorgio Chinaglia is having trouble with the plebians. The populace of Rome are "on strike", in Chinaglia's words, refusing to to watch his team, Lazio, play football while the club languish second from bottom of the Italian first division, relegation certainties, with two managers sacked already this season and on the brink of losing several leading talents, including the young forward Bruno Giordano, in 1986, when players in the Italian league become free agents.

The last problem fails to trouble Lazio's 38-year-old president, who suggests that his players have been performing more like gladioli than gladiators this season. "I will change everything next year," Chinaglia promised, which is not necessarily good new for the coach, Giancarlo Oddi, who has enjoyed custody of the team for a week so far.

But the problems of building an empire do not end at Lazio's portals. At the furthest end of Chinaglia's kingdom, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, the natives have been equally revolting. Resentful, perhaps, of their absentee landlord, Cosmos fans in their thousands have deserted the indoor version of the team which Chinaglia took over last autumn. Even the sight of the boss throwing off his presidential purple to play again for a couple of games – and outscore his team colleagues – failed to entice them back. As a result, the Cosmos have been forced to retire hurt and broke from the major indoor league, perilously close to permanent ruin.

In his first year as a two-club transatlantic football president the former Italian international with a Welsh accent (he began his career as a teenager in Swansea) has learned that running such an empire is not all peeled grapes and laurel leaves. And the Ides of March are only a day away.

Chinaglia is unlikely to be stabbed to death on the steps of the North American Soccer League headquarters this week, but he remains the *bête noire* of the league on its death-bed. When the club's $1.5 million budget ran out half-way through the indoor season, and cheques were bouncing in all directions, the NASL *mandarins* were furious at their tender courtship of new investors was foiled. A vote by the remaining fragments of the league, the Minnesota Strikers and Toronto Blizzard, will be taken this week on whether to allow the Cosmos to remain in the NASL. The answer is likely to be a *resounding* 'no".

So the club that once employed Pele, Beckenbauer and Chinaglia himself on the same field, and flaunted Mick Jagger in the press box; will crash-land spectaculary to earth. Incredible though it seems, the Cosmos have applied to become an affiliate member of the amateur Italian-American League in New Jersey.

"In my heart, I knew this was going to happen," Chinaglia said sadly. "When you go from a $7 million top-class operation to this – yes, I expected it. Everybody talked. Everybody said they wanted to be part of the club, but *when it came to* putting their signature on a cheque, where were they?

"Here in the United States, soccer is still in the Dark Ages. The same people have been doing the same things, making the same mistakes for 15 years. They don't realize that the world of soccer is changing. You have to stay abreast of the times. People want to make a lot of money. They don't have much time."

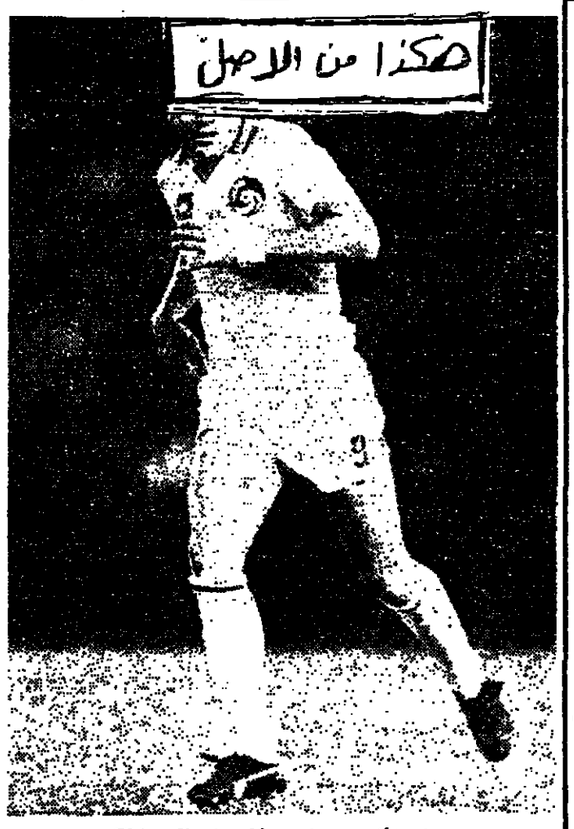
By comparison, Chinaglia the player used to have all the time in the world. He prowled the carpeted penalty area at Giants Stadium for eight years with the Cosmos, after six years with Lazio, setting NASL eight goal-scoring records which now will stand forever. But he was always more the patriarch than a player, stamping his authority and an occasional fist on dissenting team collegues and establishing a power-base that led to his meteoric rise

"You could call him arrogant, unqualified and selfish," a former member of the Cosmos management, Guy Divincenzo, said. "But, while he's not educated in the conventional sense, he's street-smart. He's likely to call up the head of two football federations and arrange something in minutes that would take a management team two weeks. He was good to have around – strutting around and screaming at people – and it hurt to know that Lazio, not the Cosmos, was his number one priority.

Secondary priority though they may be criticism of the Cosmos still provokes Chinaglia. He intends to try his hand at reincarnation, to bring back the "corpse" as a summer international team bristling with big-name players ("Maradona", he mentioned casually) to host exhibition games against foreign clubs like Juventus, Barcelona and Liverpool.

"I'm not getting over-excited, but it's a chance," Chinaglia said. "And even if I did want to sell the Cosmos . . . to who . . . for what? He had a point. As a club with no players, no stadium and no league, the Cosmos are hardly his most negotiable asset, and Lazio remains, even in the second division, the jewel in his emperor's crown.

"You have got to have faith. You have got to believe," he said. "Anyway, in five years' time we have the World Cup in Italy. That should bring in the goodies, and by then people will be able to look at what I've done and say either he's very good or he's nuts."




Chinaglia: trouble on two continents

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# Collateral duty to pay for fire damage

**Naumann v Ford**
Before Mr Vivian Price, QC
[Judgment delivered February 20]

The fact that an insurance company paid for repairs to premises damaged by fire on behalf of the plaintiff although under no obligation to do so, because the premises were uninsured by reason of the defendant's breach of an obligation to the plaintiff to insure, was *res inter alios acta*, or collateral, as far as the defendant's liability to the plaintiff was concerned. Accordingly, the plaintiff on behalf of the insurance company could recover from the defendant moneys reasonably expended by the insurance company on the repairs, Mr Vivian Price, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, held in a reserved judgment awarding damages to the plaintiff.

Mr Gregory Mitchell for the plaintiff; Mr Peter Hunt for the defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the defendant, Mr John Nicholas Ford, was the lessor of premises of which the plaintiff, Miss Ulrike Naumann, was the lessee.

The lessor was obliged by the terms of the lease to keep the premises insured in the joint names of himself and the lessee against loss or damage by fire and in the event of fire to apply any insurance money received to rebuild the premises.

Until May 1978 the premises were insured against fire by the lessor's predecessor in title with the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd.

From May 1978 onwards, in breach of his convenants under the lease, the lessor failed to pay the insurance premiums with the result that the insurance lapsed. On January 27, 1979 a serious fire occurred at the premises causing personal injury to the lessee.

Norwich Union stated that no claim could be made as the insurance had lapsed, but by an agreement dated November 1, 1979 between the lessee and Norwich Union, the insurance company agreed to compensate the lessee for the reasonable cost of repairing the fire damage to the premises in consideration of the lessee taking proceedings against the lessor and paying over to it all sums so recovered.

Repairs to the premises costing £16,098 were subsequently paid for by Norwich Union.

In an action by the lessee against the lessor to recover that sum, the lessor claimed that the lessee was not entitled to anything more than nominal damages against him since as Norwich Union had paid for the repairs the lessees had not suffered any further loss by reason of the breach of his covenant to insure.

In answer to that Mr Mitchell submitted, *inter alia*, (1) that where a third party made a payment either *ex gratia or under a liability to* a plaintiff in respect of a loss the wrongdoer could not take advantage of that payment and say there was no loss and (2) that there would be no double recovery since anything the lessee recovered she would hold for Norwich Union.

The question really was whether or not the benefit the lessee received through her agreement with Norwich Union was a collateral benefit and merely *res inter alios acta* which should not be taken into account when considering the lessor's liability to the lessee for his breach of covenant. The line between those benefits that were collateral and those which were not was difficult

After considering the relevant law and in particular *Haviland v Long* ([1952] 2 QB 80) his Lordship said that so far as the lessor was concerned at the date of the fire there was no contract at all between him and Norwich Union and in relation to his breach under the lease Norwich Union were truly strangers. The lessee was under no obligation to the lessor to repair the premises though he was under an obligation to her to do so. The fact that she made arrangements to have *the premises repaired could not of* itself discharge his obligations and liabilities under the covenant.

The fact that the arrangements were made through Norwich Union was completely irrelevant. The position would have been just the same, as far as the lessor's liability to the lessee was concerned, if she had paid for the repairs herself or if some public benefactor had done so.

Accordingly arrangements made between the lessee and Norwich Union for the repair of the premises were completely collateral, or *res inter alios acta* to the obligation and liability of the lessor to the lessee.

Solicitors: Cresswell & Cooles. Lewis & Co; William Heath & Co.

# Appeals delayed by paperwork errors

**Practice Statement (Preparation of Appeal Documents)**

Too much of the civil appeal office's time was devoted to pointing out errors in documentation, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, stated, sitting with Lord Justice May in the Court of Appeal, on March 4. His Lordship issued a practice statement reminding solicitors of the practice relating to the preparation of bundles of documents and referring them to *The Supreme Court Practice 1985*, paragraph 59/9/8 (pp827-8).

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that documentation was dull work but was of considerable importance if delay in hearing appeals was to be avoided.

There had recently been a spate of cases in which the documents had not been bundled.

There were other common errors. The first was the failure to appreciate, in the case of county court appeals, that concluding lines in the judge's notebook reading "judgment for the defendant with costs on scale 2" or the like were not "the judge's own note of his judgment".

What was required was a note of the reasons for the decision. In the majority of cases, the judge gave an *ex tempore* judgment and would not usually have a note of it.

It was incumbent upon the appellant's representative to have an agreed note of the judgment *prepared and submitted to the judge* for his approval. To avoid delay, that should be put in hand as soon as the appeal was set down.

Where the appellant acted in person, the other side's representative must make available their notes of judgment even though the appellant himself made no note of the reasoned judgment.

That applied equally to those cases heard in the High Court for which no official transcript of judgment was available.

The second common error was the failure to paginate documents properly. At present, many bundles were numbered merely by document. That was incorrect. Each page should be numbered individually and consecutively.

The third common error was the failure to ensure that all documents were legible. In particular, care had to be taken to ensure that the edges of pages were not cut off by the photocopying machine.

If it proved impossible to produce adequate copies of individual documents or if manuscript documents were illegible, typewritten copies of the relevant pages should also be interleaved at the appropriate place in the bundle.

It seemed likely that the work of documentation was often delegated to very junior members of the solicitors' staff, often without referring them to the practice note. Delegation was not, as such, objectionable, but (a) the member of staff must be fully instructed on what was required and be capable of ensuring that those requirements were met and (b) the solicitor in charge of the case must personally satisfy himself that the documentation was in order before it was delivered to the court.

London agents too had a responsibility. They were not just postmen. They should check the sufficiency of the documentation before delivering it to the court and be prepared to answer any questions which might arise.

# Tax reasons required

**Magnavox Electronics Co Ltd v Hall (Inspector of Taxes)**

Where at a hearing before special commissioners a claim based on the anti-tax avoidance principles laid down by the House of Lords in *Furniss v Dawson* ([1984] AC 474) was raised but the commissioners decided the appeal on some other ground, it was nonetheless desirable (unless in the particular case there was good reason for not doing) that the commissioners should find the facts material to that claim in case the court should take a different view of the ground on which the commissioners reached their determination and the *Furniss v Dawson* claim should become material.

Mr Justice Nicholls so stated in the Chancery Division on February 28 when dismissing a corporation tax appeal by the liquidator of Magnavox Electronics Co Ltd.

# Planning ban valid for second caravan

**Prosser v Sharpe**

Where an enforcement notice required a caravan to be removed from land and the owner, having been convicted of failing to comply with the notice, removed it and replaced it with another, he remained in breach of the enforcement notice, and was liable to further conviction, until he obtained planning permission.

Moreover, a building in which no one slept was not capable of being a dwelling-house, and so the use of the caravan as sleeping accommodation in connection with such a building was not exempt under section 22 (2)(d) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 from the requirement to obtain planning permission.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Otton) so held on February 28, allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the prosecutor from a decision of the Brentwood Justices to acquit Mr Ernest James Sharpe of failing to do everything in his power to secure compliance with an enforcement notice, contrary to section 89(4) of the 1971 Act.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that since section 243(1) of the 1971 Act, as amended, precluded the validity of the notice being challenged before the justices, *they had been wrong, in view of the* clear failure to comply, to acquit


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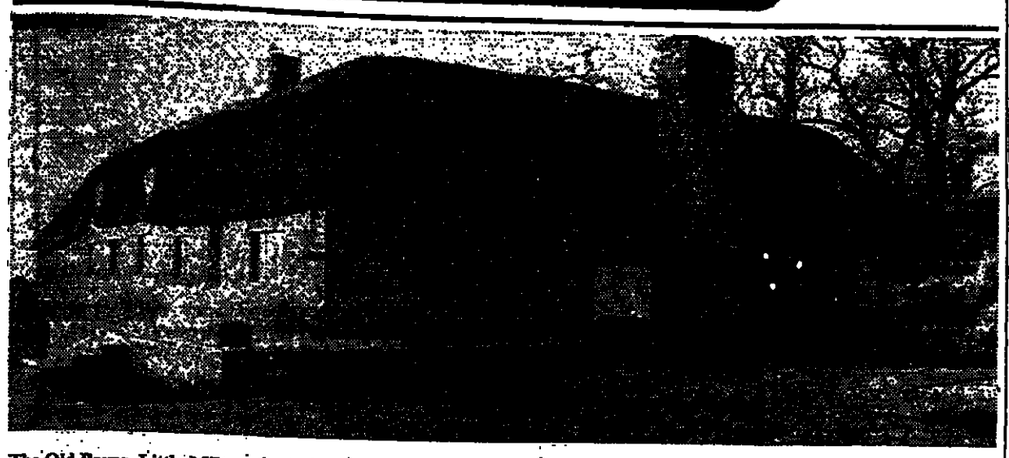
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Savills' Banbury office and Breckdon and Breckdon of Oxford are asking for offers around £175,000.

### A £2m century in Hyde Park

A fine period house in Hyde Park Square, one of the last to remain a single dwelling, is for sale through Chesterton's Connaught Street, London W2, office, which is asking £1.875 million for the 98 year lease. The house, owned by Mr Robert Elgood, an expert on Islamic arms and armour, has been refurbished, retaining many of the original features, whereas all the other period houses on the north square have been converted into flats.

The accommodation includes eight bedrooms, four bathrooms, drawing room, dining room and library, and it also has a swimming pool with a marble surround and a gym area with sauna and Jacuzzi. The first floor balcony overlooks the square and has views of the park.

**Mallam Ashfold, at Loxwood, Sussex, a small, country estate with about six acres, is for sale through Cubitt and West's Cranleigh, Surrey, office, which is asking for offers around £150,000. The property dates from the 16th century, built on the site of a medieval glassworks, and has three bedrooms, with possibly a further two, and numerous outbuildings.**

### History for sale

East Harting in Petersfield, Hampshire, dating from the 17th century and closely associated with the nearby country house Uppark, is for sale through Jackson-Stops and Staff, whose Haslemere and Midhurst offices are seeking offers over £170,000 for the house, which needs some modernization.

In the early 17th century it belonged to Edward Ford, who introduced water-borne sanitation to London. Later it was owned by the naturalist Gilbert White of Selborne. The present owners have been there since 1930.

## House-buying from your local solicitor

One of the most important and far reaching recommendations of the Farrand committee on conveyancing, which published its second report last week, was the establishment of property centres, where solicitors (and in due course licensed conveyancers) should combine with estate agents in a one-stop enterprise for selling property.

It was a strong recommendation of the committee, although to no-one's great surprise it was opposed by a minority of members who spoke for the legal and estate agents' professions. Representatives of the Law Society, the National Association of Estate Agents and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors were against the idea, while the majority took the view that the system, which operates successfully in Scotland, should be encouraged, subject to any necessary practice rules or guidance to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

Professor Julian Farrand, committee chairman and a Law Commissioner, told a Press conference on the publication of the report: "Personally I think it is inevitable that there will be one-stop conveyancing."

In Scotland, where solicitors act also as estate agents, the centres' function is to provide house-buyers with information about a large number of properties, pooled from the various solicitors who are members of the particular centre. The centre does not actually sell the property but refers inquiries to the appropriate solicitor.

The committee was split between those who felt there might be conflicts of interest (for example, between the client and the solicitor, who if acting as an estate agent would receive commission on the sale) and those who argued that conflict could be avoided.

If that could be achieved, a system where solicitor and estate combine in one person or one firm should be in the interest of the consumer by reducing the number of people and places offering information.

Reaction to the recommendation has been muted as its implications are considered, but the National and Provincial Building Society, which is already working closely with solicitors, has welcomed it. Through their new computer software package called "Lawbase Residential Conveyancing", they can be in direct communication with all conveyancers approved by the Society.

When the dust settles on the controversial issue of opening up conveyancing, it is unlikely that all the professions involved will start doing each other's jobs, but it does seem sensible that they should form closer associations, rationalizing the system and helping the customer.

Two of the recommendations that ought to be implemented – and easily can be – are that vendors should carry out searches and inquiries when they put the property on the market in order to reduce pre-contract delays, and that prospective purchasers should obtain "certificates of mortgageability" before they go house-hunting.

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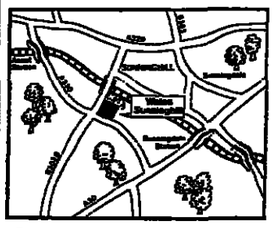
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## BIRTHS

**BAIRD** – On March 6th to Leyla and Christopher, a son. Felix Alexander Douglas.

**BOTTOMLEY** – on 10th March at Middlesex Hospital, London, NW1 to Margaret (née Mills) and Peter, a son.

**BRYANT** – On March 5th 1985 to Erica and John, a son. Thomas Malcolm Stuart, a brother for Marcus and Andrea.

**DOUGLAS** – On March 6th, to Carol (née Winstanley) and Torin – a son (Michael Stuart), brother for Richard.

**ETHERTON**. – on 11th March at Cheasend to Susan (née Mait) and Timothy, a son, James Frederick, a brother for Louise.

**FINCH**. – On 11th March, 1985, in Ramsbury, to Louise and Conrad, a daughter, Lucy Margaret, a sister for Anthony and Sarah.

**FLUX-ADAMS** – on March 5, to Sarah (née Syngal and Richard, a daughter, (Olivia Joy).

**GREEN** – On 26th February to Vivien (née L'Estrange Burges) and Richard, a daughter Sophie.

**JOLLY**. – On March 5th to Helen (née Thorburn), and Christopher, a daughter, Anna Frances.

**JONES**. – On 11th March to Mary (née Greenway) and David, at Queen Marys Hospital, Roehampton, a daughter, Helen Mary Frances.

**KOETSER** – On March 11th, in Zurich to Ruth and David, a daughter (Sophie Alexia), a sister for Claudia and Daniel.

**MORGANS–BRADFORD**. – On March 9th, 1985, at Rush Green, Essex, to Sarah and Richard – a son (Thomas Oliver) a brother for Robert and David.

**PENGILE** – On 24th February, 1985, to Helen and Robert – a daughter, Edwina Lucia Naomi, a sister to Justin.

**RILEY** – On March 10th to Lucinda (née) Fogden and Marty a son Henry Brinker of Beatrice.

**SCHLESINGER**. – On March 4th, at Queen Charlottes to Susie (née Hollingworth) and Peter – a son (Samuel) brother to Jonathan.

**SURRIDGE**. – On March 11th, to Sally (née Stockwell) and Stuart (Tiger) a daughter.

**WHITEHEAD**. – On 10th March at West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen to Linda (née Harper) and Richard, a son. Edward Alexander Cameron.

**WOOLLCOMBE** On March 10th to Rosey (nee Simonds) and David – a daughter. (Natasha Rose) and sister for Alexander.

## BIRTHDAYS

**ROSES ARE RED**; violets are blue. 21 today – Happy birthday to you!

**WILSON–JILL**. Happy birthday. May you always remember Salperwick. Love Brenda, Richard, Emma and Rebecca.

## DEATHS

**ABDELA** – On March 10th peacefully in the Wellington Hospital, Frederick aged 78. Beloved husband of Ninon. Father of Lesley, grandfather of Nicholas and brother of Violet. He will be greatly missed by us all. Cremation Service will take place on Monday March 18th at 10.50am in Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations please to Age Concern, 1-5 Acre Lane, London SW2 or Hotel & Catering Benevolent Assoc. 62 Ridgeway, London SW19.

**ADAMS** – On 10th March in his 97th year, Percy Alexander Adams, beloved husband of the late Rene, and father of the late Norman at 32 Alexandra Grove, N12. For many years resident of Manor View, Finchley N3. Funeral service: Tuesday March 19th, 11am, at St. Michael's, Highgate Village N6, followed by cremation at Golders Green. No flowers by his request, but if desired donations to British Red Cross, Bell Cross House, 11 Blomfield Street EC2.

**ASHFORD**. – On 8th March 1935, suddenly, Geoff, beloved husband of Pat and wonderful father of Nikki and David. Always in our hearts. Funeral Service at St Luke's Parish Church Millard (nr A3), on Friday, 15th March, at 1.30pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to: L. F. Lintott & Sons, Funeral Directors, North Street, Midhurst. Tel: Midhurst 3264.

**BANNERMAN** – On 8th March, 1985, peacefully at home in Buffalo, New York, aged 67. Professor of Haematology and Genetics. Beloved husband of Katie, Francesca and Isabella.

**BIRLEY**. – On 12th March peacefully at home in Durham. Thomas Eaton Hornby Birley, last husband of Agnes and father of Jean and Hilary and the late Robin, formerly of Craigellachie, Banffshire. Funeral service at Durham Crematorium on Thursday 14th March at 4pm.

**BRISTER**.– On March 10, 1985, aged 93 years. Group Captain Arthur John Brister, OBE, RAF Retired. The funeral takes place at St John's Church, Farncombe, nr Guildford, on Monday March 18th at 11 am. followed by cremation at the new Guildford Crematorium. All flowers and inquiries, please, to Pitams Funeral Services, 60 Woodbridge Road, Guildford. Tel: 67394. PER ARDUA AD ASTRA.

**BROCK** – On 10th March 1985 peacefully in Kings Mead Nursing Home, Dorothy Isobel, (née Epps), in her 93rd year. Cremation at Mortlake on Monday 18th March at 11.30am. Flowers and enquiries to Arthur Albert & Sons Ltd. 26-30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey. 01-948-1651.

**CAMPBELL–PENNEY**. – on March 10th, 1985, Rosemary, of Springfields, Copford, Essex (late of Elmstead Market and Wivenhoe). Widow of Charles Campbell-Penney and daughter of the late Sir Philip and Lady Lane. Funeral 9.30am Tuesday, March 19th, at Colchester Crematorium. Enquiries to Exeter, King, Tiptree. Funeral Furnishers. 0621 860345.

**CROYSDALE** – On March 12th, at Saxlingham Salthouse, aged 86, Gwendoline Mary Charlotte. Requiem Mass at St Peter's Catholic Church at 2.00 on Friday, March 15th. Funeral private.

**DE LA WARR**. – Peacefully on March 1st at her home in Oxford, Marjorie aged 87 years, widow of the late Gerald de la Warr.

**ERSKINE** JOAN, on March 11th at Attwood Cottage, Ash, Sevenoaks. Funeral service at 2.30pm Friday 15th March. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Hospice at Home, Michael Trotter Hall, Sandhurst Road, Tonbridge Wells.

**FARTHING**. – D. John, peacefully on March 9th, 1985, at St Bartholomews Hospital, London. Cremation at Putney Vale on 15th Friday, March 14th. No flowers, donations, if desired, to Children's Cancer Research Centre Fund Appeal, St Bartholomews Hospital.

**FISHER**, Francis (Frank) Hoult, lately of the White House, East Sheen, with calm dignity on March 10th, in hospital at Yeovil. Cremation will be private. His ashes will be buried in East Sheen Cemetery, Upper Ridge, Richmond at 12 noon, on March 22nd. Gifts in place of flowers please to St Summerlands Hospital, c/o G. H. Cook & Son, 8 Bond St. Yeovil BA20 1PE.

**FOSTER**.– On March 9, 1985, suddenly in India, Roger Stuart, dearly loved husband of Joan and brother of Barbara. Memorial service to be announced. No flowers please.

**GIBBS**. – On March 8th, peacefully, at Whitehanger Nursing Home, Margaret Payton Mornington, aged 85 years, late of Chiddingfold, Surrey, daughter of the late Harold and John Gibbs of Australia. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium, Passmarsh, at 1.30pm. on Friday, 15th March. Flowers to Pirums, Mary Road, Guildford.

**GOUGH** on Tuesday March 12th, John Smatman beloved husband of Jean and very dear father of Jane and Nicky. Funeral Rogate, Friday, March 15th at 4pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to MacMillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex or to Marie Curie Foundations, 28 Belgrave Sq. London SW1.

**GRAHAM**. – On Saturday 9th March, Mary, Lady Graham C.B.E., widow of Sir Fergus Graham Bart. of Netherfield, Peveril Park. If desired, donations to Kirkcandrews on Esk Parochial Church Council, c/o Bailey, Bank, Longtown, Cumbria. Please no letters.

**HAKE**.– On 6th March 1985, Ivor Watts Hake, E.R.D., peacefully, aged 78 years. Very dear husband of Lyn Leck, and loving father of Mark Cremation on Wednesday, 13th March, 10.15am, Fanchurch (Surrey) only please, but donations if desired to the Chest Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House, North London WC1H 9JE. All enquiries to A. H. Griffin, (C. E. Bunn) F/D, Steyntone, Dorset. Tel: 0202 682275.

**HAMILTON–GAY** – On 9th March 1985, peacefully in the Bon Secour Hospital, Beaconsfield, Ima, aged 92 years, of Datchett. A unique and very special person, loved by her daughter Deborah, grandchildren and great grandchildren, all her family and many friends. Cremation private. We shall remember a great character at a Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

**HEALD** – On March 11th, peacefully in Torquay, John Eric of 143 Wellswood Park, Torquay. Beloved husband of Muriel, father of Jill, and grandfather of Sara, Lucy and Anna. Funeral service at Torquay Crematorium, on Saturday, March 16th at 11am. Enquiries to Torbay & District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay. Tel: 0803 22447.

**HILL** – On March 8th, Percival Albert James (Phil). Greatly loved husband of Ruth; Rector of Stoke Parish of Great and Little Hampden, Bucks, for 38 years. Funeral service on Friday, March 15th at 2.30 pm at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Great Hampden, Bucks. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to The Church Restoration Fund.

**HOAL** – On March 11th very peacefully at Derrywood Nursing Home, *Helen Victoria aged 86. Widow of* Tawney and of Christopher Whitehead. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations to Uppingham Parish Church.

**HUNTER**. – On March 8th, 1985, suddenly at Knutsford, and formerly of Mobberley, Sybil (née Wilson), the beloved wife of David, devoted and much loved mother and mother-in-law of Georgina and David, Heather and Godfrey, Rupert and Rachel, loving grandmother of Oliver, Gemma and Camilla and dear sister of Joyce. Funeral service at Mobberley Parish Church on Friday, March 15th, at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations if wished for the NSPCC and Riding for the Disabled. Donations and enquiries to Dodgson Funeral Service, 55 Manchester Rd, Knutsford, Cheshire. Telephone Knutsford 4281.

**JENNINGS**. – Suddenly but peacefully at the Cauldham Farm, Dairy, Castle Douglas on 11th March 1985. Ian McIlwraith Jennings O.B.E., J.P. beloved husband of Anne McIlwraith McFarlane. Funeral service at Missonhill Crematorium, Ayr on Wednesday, 13 at 1.15 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. No flowers or letters please.

**KNIGHT** Frank, F.I.S., V.M.H. – Suddenly but peacefully at his home, 3 Newlands, Elmstead, on Sunday March 10th, 1985, aged 82. Beloved father of Cynthia and a dearly loved grandfather. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Elmstead, nr Ipswich, on Saturday, March 16th, at 12 noon. Memorial service in London later. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society, Pelaze Gate, Hampton Court. East Molesey, Surrey.

**LE MESURIER**. – On 9th March 1985, suddenly at home, Mark Le Mesurier, dear husband of Elisabeth. Cremation at Bedford Crematorium, 3.30pm on Tuesday 19th March. No flowers please. Donations, if desired to: Haynes Tower Appeal Fund, c/o Haynes Vicarage, Bedford.

**LOCKHART** – On March 9th, 1985, Dorothy aged 86 years, widow of Sir Charles Lockhart. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday, March 14th at 9.45am. No flowers please, but donations if desired may be sent to The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Commonwealth House, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

**LODER** – On Feb 25 1985, peacefully in his sleep whilst on a cruise, Brigadier Robert Loder, C.B.E., D.S.O., aged 75, formerly of the Royal Sussex Regiment, will be sadly missed by his relations and many friends. Funeral service Friday March 15 at 2.45pm at St Mary's Parish Church, Sloughan, West Sussex, and private family cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth.

**LONSDALE** – On March 11th 1985, Thomas Leopold McClintock, darling husband of Blanchie, beloved father of Norman and grandfather of Jeremy, James and Emma-Jane. Funeral St Johns, Kingstone Lisle on March 13th at 3pm. Relations only. A memorial service to be announced later.

**LUC**. – On March 8th, 1985, peacefully in her sleep, Penelope Jane Vesey, Fellow of the Institute of Welding, wife of Robert Luc, former French Ambassador to Luxembourg. Private cremation. Service Beaulieu Abbey Church, 4.45, Thursday, March 14th. Family flowers only, donations to Brook Lane Boats, 3 Clare Street, Dublin 2.

**SCOTT** Alma Forde. – 8th March, 1985 in Durban, South Africa, late of Cambridge, University, the King's African Rifles and the Colonial Service. Deeply missed by his family and friends.

**SMYTH** – on 11th March, peacefully in Kidderminster, aged 88, Mabel Anne Georgiana (née MacGeough-Bond) formerly of Dogs Bay House, Roundstone, Co. Galway, Ireland, beloved mother of Anne and Robert. Funeral Service private.

**SOLOMON** – Peacefully on March 11th, Thomas Henry dearly loved husband of Cynthia and father of Katharine and Robert. Funeral 1.30pm on Monday 18th March Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers.

**SOMERVILLE** Jacinth – Suddenly on Monday, March 11th, in Cork City, Ireland. Widow of Bert Somerville, and mother of Susan and Judith.

**STEELE**.– On March 10, 1985, in hospital after a long illness borne with Spiritual courage, dear Mary much loved wife of Tommy and mother of Sara, James Andrew and Charlotte and grandmother of Laura and Philip. Funeral family only. Service of thanksgiving at 12 noon on Saturday March 23 in Upham Parish Church, Hants. Please, no flowers, donations if desired, to Tenovus Cancer Research Appeal, c/o Lloyds Bank, Bishops Waltham, Southampton.

**STEPHENSON** – Suddenly on March 11th, Mary, aged 84, of Lyminpton.

**STOLKER**, IVAN MICHAEL – On March 7th, at his home in Spain after a short illness. The funeral has already taken place. No letters please, donations to Kathleen Ferrier Research Fund, University College Hospital.

**SWEETING** – On March 9th, 1985 at his home in West Moors, Dorset, Edward, aged 78 years. Former member of Dellits and Co. Dear husband of Ivy, loving father to Peter and Patricia and their families. Funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Monday, March 18th at 11.45am. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, may be sent to Charles Smith & Son, Funeral Directors, 15 West Street, Wimborne, in aid of The Parkinson's Disease Society.

**WILKINSON** – Margaret, on March 2nd in Oxford, loved wife of Oliver Wilkinson.

**WILLS**. – On March 12th, 1985, suddenly in Melaka, West Malaysia; Pat dearly loved wife of George and mother of Jenni and Daniel.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**BRAMBELL WILFRED**. A memorial service will be held on Friday 15th March at 12 noon at St Pauls, Covent Garden.

**FYLEMAN**. – EDITH HELEN. A memorial service will be held in Dorchester Abbey, on April 20th, at 3pm, at which a Requiem Mass will be said, in accordance with her wishes.

**GRIFFITHS**. – A memorial service for Miss Rosemary Griffiths will be held at St Mary's Church, Chepstow, Gwent, on Wednesday, 10th April, 1985, at 2.30pm.

**HEADINGTON SCHOOL** There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss C. E. Brown at Headington School on Saturday the 23rd or March at 3.00 p.m.

**RITCHIE**.– A Memorial Service for the life of Mr J. M. "Jan" Ritchie, late External Affairs Director, British Caledonian Airways, will be held a St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London SW1, on Wednesday 27th March 1985, commencing at noon.

**THE MOST HON THE MARQUIS** of Bristol. – On Sunday, March 10th, 1985, in Monte Carlo. A private funeral service for family only is to be held in Monte Carlo on Tuesday, March 12th, and a memorial service later at St Mary's Church, Ickworth.

**WAINWRIGHT**. – A service in memory of David L. R. Wainwright of Compton will be held at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Shepton Mallet at 12 noon, on Wednesday, March 20th. Inquiries to: 02214 4391.

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**TOOTH** – Melissa died March 13th 1981. In loving memory, to sadly missed by Simon, Tara, John, Clare and Alexa.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**THE FUNERAL** service of Ernst Hartman will be held at St Luke's Church, Chelsea on Tuesday 19th March at 10.30 following by private interment. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd. 132 Fenton Road, London W10 or donations if desired to Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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**MARRIAU**, Senta (née Poinyi), wife of Alfred, mother of Corinna (Mrs Morecambe), on 6th March 1985. Dearly beloved and unforgettable was so visibly in the grace of God throughout her suffering – she is now with Jesus. Please pray for her dear soul. Beatus quem elegisti et assumpsisti: inhabitabit in atriis tuis. Requiem Mass sung in the immaculate rite on Friday, March 15th, at 10.30 at the Church of the Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, London W.1. All enquiries or flowers to A. France & Son, 45 Lambs Conduit Street, London WC1. Tel. 01-405 4901.

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9.20 **The Funeral of President Chernenko.** Introduced by David Dimbleby in London with Tim Sebastian in Moscow.

11.20 (provisionally) **Play School** (r). 11.40 **Gbarbar.** Magazine programme for Asian women. This week's edition includes a discussion between three businesswomen on the day to day running of their ventures. 12.05 Ceefax.

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Michael Fish. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** includes the last in Sue Hick's series on cooking with fish and an examination of the magazines available to 'today's man'. 1.45 **King Rollo** (r). 1.50 **Bric-a-Brac** with Brian Cant (r).

2.00 **The Cheltenham Festival.** Julian Wilson introduces coverage of four races (the 4.05 is on BBC 2) – the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle (2.15); the Queen Mother Champion Steeplechase (2.50); and the Coral Golden Hurdle final (3.30). 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 **Play School**, presented by Carol Leader. 4.10 **The Wombles**, told by Bernard Cribbins (r). 4.15 **The Puppy's New Adventures.** 4.35 **Jackanory.** Hayley Mills with part three of Tatty Apple, by Jenny Nimmo. 4.50 **Captain Caveman.** Cartoon series.

5.00 **Newsround** with Paul McDowell. 5.05 **Seaview.**

5.35 **Grange Hill.** Part eight and Gonch seems to be having a lot of trouble with his teeth (Ceefax).

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** Terry Wogan's guests include Heather Couper, president of the British Astronomical Society; Tom Conti, the winner of the Businesswoman of the Year Award; and Tears for Fears.

7.40 **Monkey Business.** Natural history quiz presented by Henry Kelly. The team captains, Fiorella Benjamin and Jeremy Cherfas, are joined by Jilly Cooper, Derek Nimmo, Sheila Anderson and Mike Stoddart.

8.15 **The Two Ronnies.** Messrs Baker and Corbett in a series of comic sketches and a blockbuster – I Married a Poltergeist. The guest is Elaine Paige.

9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville. Weather.

9.25 **Q.E.D.: The Magic Picture Show**, presented by Anthony Clare. Kenny Everett is the guide through a maze of computerised video magic.

9.55 **Sportsnight** with Harry Carpenter. Tony Gubba presents a profile of Barry Hearn, the man who has made Steve Davis a millionaire. Plus, highlights from tonight's FA Cup sixth round replay and from this afternoon's racing at Cheltenham.

11.30 **Night Court.** Comedy series about a young, unorthodox, night-court judge. Tonight, the judge's staff become worried when Bailiff Bull Shannon starts to fall asleep while on duty.

11.55 **Weather.**

## TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.16, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.22; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; a discussion on fuel bills at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop at 7.54; Nigel Rees at 8.15; video report at 8.40; advice on garden tools at 9.03. The guests include Hannah Gordon.

## ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news** headlines. 9.30 **For Schools:** Information for parents and teachers. 9.35 Is a home the same as a house? 9.47 **Science:** stars. 10.04 Uses of computers. 10.21 A profile of Czech writer, Zdena Tomin. 10.48 What employers expect from their young employees. 11.10 **Wool:** from the sheep to the carpet. 11.22 All about pigs. 11.39 The early delights of broadcasting.

12.00 **Button Moon.** Puppet space adventures of the Spoon family. 12.10 **Our Backyard.** Building a picnic table (r). 12.30 **President Chernenko's Funeral.** Highlights of the proceedings with Alastair Burnet and Michael Brunson.

1.00 **News At One** and weather 1.20 **Thames news** with Robin Houston. 1.30 **A Country Practice.**

2.25 **Home Cookery Club.** The recipe for Crispy Plaice and Bacon 2.30 **On The Market.** Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyett with a guide to fresh food bargains. The guest cook is Hannah Wright 3.00 **Gems.** Drama serial set in a Covent Garden fashion workshop. 3.25 **Thames news** headlines. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Button Moon.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.15 **The Moomins.** 4.20 **Do It.** Sheelagh Gilbey with more ideas designed to stimulate children's creative instincts (Oracle) 4.45 **Fraggle Rock.**

5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers.

5.45 **News** 6.00 **Thames News** with Andrew Gardner and Tricia Ingrams.

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Claimants Commission, set up by the GLC, whereby claimants can put their ideas about improving the social security system on paper, to be forwarded to the government's review body.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Barbara Hunter learns the truth about her husband, David.

7.00 **Wish You Were Here. . .?** Judith Chalmers reports from Norway; Anneka Rice from Australia's biggest resort, Surfers Paradise; and Chris Kelly from the Gower Peninsula (Oracle).

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Can it be that Hilda Ogden's tea-leaf predictions are coming true? (Oracle).

8.00 **This is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews with an emotional half-an-hour biography of a surprised worthy.

8.30 **There Comes a Time . . .** Part four of the domestic comedy series starring Andrew Sachs and Judy Cornwell (Oracle).

9.00 **The Last Place on Earth.** Episode five of the seven-part drama about the race to the South Pole between Captain Scott and Roald Amundsen (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten** and weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 **Widows.** The final episode of the excellent thriller about three widows, planning to rob a security van, using the groundwork that one of the women's late husband had meticulously carried out. Can they succeed where the men failed? (r).

12.25 **Night Thoughts** from Dr Sheila Cassidy.



David Suchet: Blott on the Landscape (BBC 2, 9.00pm)

● Watching **HOW GREEN IS MY VALLEY?** (BBC 2, 8.10pm), you will wonder whether it was a pointless exercise for the Williams family of Maerdy, site of the Rhondda's last remaining coal mine, to travel up to London as unofficial spokesmen for all Rhondda mining families, and put their views to Cecil Parkinson. For one thing, the Maerdy miners are now back at work. For another, Mr Parkinson is no longer in the Government. And the Williamses could only say what has been said, time and time again: that it was not just the pits the miners were fighting for, but the life of the community. None the less, the Williams family, headed by doughty grandmother Doris, make a circle with the former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. "If he's a good listener, we've plenty to tell him," they say. They *do* have plenty to say, and they say it passionately. And he *does* listen, and listens compassionately.

● **BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE** (BBC 2, 9.00pm) ends tonight, with a magnificent last stand by the crazy handyman. The serial itself, I have found less than magnificent. It has staggered grotesquely from book to screen. But there have been some minor triumphs. David Suchet's crackpot patriot is one of them. Simon Cadell's dim-witted trouble-shooter is another. And, of course, David Mackay's music, orchestrated for massed human mouths, was an inspired idea.

● **INHERITANCE** (Radio 3, 7.45pm), being a new play by Don Haworth, is automatically a special occasion, and director Richard Wortley has performed wonders in meeting the difficult demands of a work that exists simultaneously on several levels of time. This study of the impingement of the past on the present is as rich in imagery as the soil of the Lancashire hill farm on which the play centres is rich in predecessors' associations, good and evil.

● **THEY'D NONE OF 'EM BE MISSED** (Radio 4, 7.20pm), Ian Bradley's all-too-short account of the first 100 years of *The Mikado*, is proof positive that a classic will survive everything Man can do to make a sow's ear out of a silk purse. Mr Bradley also admirably achieves his secondary object all sublime: to make us chortle at some of the less offensive libertles that entertainers like Groucho Marx and The Muppets have taken with Messrs G and S.

**Peter Davalle**

## CHOICE

## BBC 2

6.30 **Open University:** Database: Information Systems. 6.55 Edinburgh Observed. Ends at 7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.

9.38 **Daytime on Two:** Science: condensation. 10.00 For the very young. 10.15 Maths: scale. 10.38 Statistics: simulation. 11.00 The traditional tale of The Three Billy-goats Gruff. 11.17 Music and dance. 11.39 The problems in updating Shakespeare. 12.05 The people of Russia and their language. 12.30 The role of members of Parliament.

12.55 Learning English from watching popular television programmes. 1.21 Spanish conversation. 1.38 Plant eaters. 2.00 How animals use camouflage to hide from danger. 2.18 How Evanston, a small Wyoming town, coped with the discovery of oil and gas on its doorstep. 2.40 The Great North Road and the age of the stagecoach. (Ceefax).

3.00 **Ceefax.**

3.45 **The Cheltenham Festival** (continued from BBC1). The Sun Alliance Steeplechase (4.05). 4.20 **Ceefax.**

5.30 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.35 **Arthur Negus Enjoys** Kingstone Lisle in Oxfordshire where, together with his friend and colleague, Robin Butler, he admires the collection of furniture, silver and glass (r).

6.00 **Film: Roughshod*** (1949) starring Robert Sterling, John Ireland and Gloria Grahame. Western adventure about a man with a herd of thoroughbred horses and a group of showgirls in distress making a perilous journey through a mountain pass while being chased by a gang of marauding renegades. Directed by Mark Robson.

7.25 **100 Great Sporting Moments.** Highlights of the World Cup Football Final of 1958 in Stockholm where Sweden played a largely unknown team from Brazil that included Pele, Didi and Garrincha.

7.40 **Open Space: Of Birds and Boys.** A profile of Essex brothers, Fabian and Oliver Smith, who run a mini aviary where they train kestrels, buzzards and barn owls.

8.10 **Brass Tacks: How Green is My Valley?** The Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson talks to militant mining family, the Williams', from the Rhondda Valley (see Choice).

9.00 **Blott on the Landscape.** The final episode and Blott barricades himself into the Lodge. (Ceefax). (See Choice).

9.55 **Elisabeth Frink: Sculptor.** Sarah Kent, the curator of Dame Elisabeth Frink's first major retrospective, explores the themes of Frink's work.

10.30 **Newsnight.** 11.15 **Weather.**

11.20 **John D Loudermilk and his Music.** A concert form the Kenton Theatre, Henley (r).

11.50 **Open University:** Religion in a Hindu Village: 1. 12.15 Biology: Membranes. Ends at 12.45.

## CHANNEL 4

2.25 **Film: Judgement Deferred*** (1951) starring Hugh Sinclair and a young Joan Collins. Thriller about a journalist on the trail of a drug ring. With Bud Flanagan and Edmundo Ros and his band. Directed by John Baxter.

4.00 **A Plus 4** Gill Nevill talks to John Egan, the man behind Jaguar Cars transformation from near closure to one of the motor industry's biggest money-spinners.

4.30 **Countdown.**

5.00 **Alice.** The Phoenix, Arizona, diner waitress is shocked to learn that her boyfriend earns a little extra money by posing nude for the local art school.

5.30 **Farming on 4.** The second edition of the magazine programme and Barry Wilson presents a profile of singer and comedian Mike Harding in his role of president of the Ramblers' Association.

6.00 **Danger Man*** John Drake is hired by British Intelligence to locate and destroy a British submarine, wrecked off the South American coast, before a political row blows up.

6.30 **The Living Body.** Part 23 of the 26-programme series on the inner workings of the human body is the first of a two-part series following the progress of child from immediately after conception to birth.

7.00 **Channel Four News** with Peter Sissons includes the third of Alastair Stewart's reports on the development of North Sea gas and oil, and examines whether or not Norway has made better use of their resources than ourselves.

7.50 **Comment.** The political slot this week is filled by David Alton, Liberal MP for Liverpool, Mossley Hill.

8.00 **The Dragon Has Two Tongues.** Part ten of the history of Wales covers the period from 1832 to 1880 which saw the Rebecca Riots, Chartism and the non-conformist battle for educational reform.

8.30 **Diverse Reports.** Six days before the Chancellor presents his budget, Edward Heath presents his own "Budget for Jobs' which is an indictment of his party's own policies.

9.00 **Film: Confidence** (1979) A Hungarian-made drama about two people, a man and a woman, who are thrown together in order to protect the woman's husband who has gone into hiding to escape capture by the Nazis. Directed by Istvan Szabo.

10.55 **Book Four.** The challenges for women writing fiction are discussed by the presenter, Hermione Lee, and her guests, woman novelists, Maureen Freely, Frances Mulloy and Zoe Fairbairns.

11.25 **That's Not Me.** A documentary about Newcastle's stand-up comic, Tim Healy, who played the role of Dennis in the comedy drama series Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.

11.55 **Closedown.**

## Radio 4

Also on long wave. †. also VHF stereo.

5.55 **News Briefing:** weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.

6.30 **Today,** incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weatr; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 **Midweek:** Libby Purves and studio guests.

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Derbyshire.

10.30 **Morning Story:** 'Death of an Interpreter' by Helen Boyd. Reader: Margot Boyd.

10.45 **Daily Service** (New Every Morning, page 25) †.

11.00 News; Travel; **The Land of Counterpane.** George Hume examines Robert Louis Stevenson's inspiration for 'A Child's Garden of Verses' (r).

11.48 **What's in a Name.** The first of six programmes, presented by Denis Owen.

12.00 News; You and Yours. John Howard with news and advice for consumers.

12.27 **The Gold of the Conqueror.** James Hamilton (played by Steve Hodson) regrets his decision to holiday in the 'unspoilt paradise' of Dorada. First part of a serial by Colin Shaw (new series) (r). 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 **The Archers.** 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. An interview with Jean Denton, former racing driver, now business woman. There is also the seventh instalment of Shadows on Our Skin.

3.00 News; **The Afternoon Play. The Storytellers.** Short stories dramatised for radio: 'Venus Smiles' by J. G. Ballard. With Philip Voss, Anna Nigh. A big surprise for the sponsors when the time comes for the unveiling of a sonic sculpture.†

3.47 **Time for Verse.** Poetry in English translation. Presented by Charles Tomlinson (4) The Bible.

4.00 News; File on 4.

4.40 **Story Time:** 'Miss Mole' by E. H. Young. (8) Reader: June Barrie.

5.00 **PM:** News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 **The Six O'Clock News:** Incl Financial Report.

6.30 **Just A Minute** with Kenneth Williams, Clement Freud, Peter James and Henry Kelly†.

7.00 News.

7.05 **The Archers.**

7.20 **They'd None of 'em Be Missed.** Ian Bradley celebrates the centenary of the first performance of The Mikado. (See Choice).

7.45 **Books of the Century.** Playwright and literary critic, John Spurling, discusses Gabriel Garcia Marquez's 'One Hundred Years of Solitude' with Derek Parker.

8.15 **Napolean's Paris.** Impressions of visitors to France in 1802 in the wake of the Revolution (r)†.

8.45 **Analysis: Third World Take-off.** Roland Dallas examines Brazil.

9.30 **Diplomacy in a Pint-Pot.** Some dilemmas facing British diplomacy in the next decade. With Simon Jenkins.

9.45 **Kaleidoscope.** Arts magazine. Comment on Rosi's film version of Carmen; on Don Haworth's Radio 3 play Inheritance; and the Saatchi Gallery.

10.15 **A Book at Bedtime:** 'The Green Man' by Kingsley Amis. (8) Reader: Julian Glover. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 **The World Tonight,** incl 11.00 Headlines.

11.15 **The Financial World Tonight.**

11.30 **Today in Parliament.**

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

**VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) – Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study On 4: Get By in Greek. 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Modern Art: Impressionist Exhibition. 11.50 Education Bulletin (1). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: 'Help Yourself to Mathematics' Unit 3. Percentages (1). Percentages (2).

## Radio 3

6.55 **Weather.** 7.00 News.

7.05 **Your Midweek Choice:** Handel's Utrecht Jubilate (Academy of Ancient Music/Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford/soloists Brett, Elliott/Thomas); Damase's Sonate en concert, Op 17 (Tipton Trio); Debussy's Children's corner, orchestrated by Caplet (French National RO under Martinon)†. 8.00 News.

8.05 **Your Midweek Choice:** continued. Telemann's overture in G minor (Concentus Musicus Wien under Harnoncourt); Josef Strauss's waltz Village Swallows (Vienna PO under Boskovsky); Mozart's Concertone in C, K 190 (Stern and Zukerman and the English Chamber Orchestra under Barenboim)†. 9.00 News.

9.05 **This Week's Composer:** Mendelssohn. Recordings of piano works including the Rondo capriccioso, Op 14 (played by Alicia de Larrocha); Songs without words, Op 19 Nos 1 and 2; Rondo brillant in E flat, Op 29; Piano Trio No 1 in D minor Op 49. (with Arnold Steinhardt, violin, Jules Eskin, cello, and Murray Perahia, piano)†.

10.00 **Schreker and Reger;** Schreker's Chamber Symphony for 24 players (Berlin Radio SO under Gielen); Reger's A Romantic Suite, after Eichendorff (Nuremberg SO under Albert).

10.55 **Brahms:** Melos Quartet of Stuttgart, with Misha Dichter (piano) play the Piano Quintet in F minor Op 34.†

11.35 **BBC Welsh SO** (under Othmar Mega). Chausson's Symphony in B flat, Op 20.†

12.15 **Concert Hall:** Krzysztof Smietana (violin) and John Blakely (piano). Beethoven's Sonato in C minor Op 30 No 2; Bartok's Rhapsody No 1. 1.00 News.

1.05 **Jazz:** Count Basie (piano), Ray Bron (bass) and Louie Bellson (drums). Numbers include On the sunny side of the street.†

1.30 **Matinee Musicale:** BBC Scottish SO (under Hopkins). With James Watson (trumpet). Williamson's overture Santiago de Espada; Grainger's Irish Tune from County Derry; Gregson's Trumpet Concerto; Whyte's Folk Song arrangements; Lyadov's Eight Russian Folk Songs.†

2.30 **Keyboard Instrument Series** (2) Clementi's harpsichord Sonata in G, No 14; in E flat Op 23 No 3; and in D, Op 26 No 3. Played by Alan Cuckston (harpsichord).†

3.05 **Orchestral music:** LPO under Walter play Prokofiev's overture Op 72; and Moscow Radio SO under Rozhdestvensky play Prokofiev's Symphony No 5.†

4.00 **Ferial Vespers:** from Westminster Cathedral – a live transmission. 4.55 News.

5.00 **Mainly for Pleasure:** another of Jeremy Siepmann's selections of music.†

6.30 **Debut:** Timothy Hugh (cello), with Kathron Sturrock (piano). Frank Bridge's Elegie; Rachmaninov's Vocalise; Martinu's Variations on a theme of Rossini; Mignoni's Modinkha (Elegy), and Halyorsen's Variations on a passacaglia by Handel for solo cello, arranged by Dinova.†

7.00 **Concertos** 'Done from Scarlatti's Lessons. Recordings including Vivaldi's Sonata in A minor, RV 86; and Avison's Concertos No 6 and 12.†

7.45 **Inheritance,** by Don Haworth. Drama, set on a Lancashire hill-farm. An ageing farmer finds the work becoming more difficult, and the loss of family home and friends more real. With John Bott, Kathleen Helme, Stephen Thorne and Maggie McCarthy. (See Choice.)

8.55 **Berlin Staatskapelle Orchestra** (under Otmar Suitner). Part one. Mozart's Symphony No 38 (Prague).†

9.20 **Six Continents:** Angus McDermid with foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

9.40 **Concert:** part two. Mahler's Symphony No 5.†

11.00 **Manchester Chamber Concert:** Brandls String Quartet. Beethoven's Quartet in A minor, Op 132.†

11.57 **News.** 12.00 **Closedown.**

**VHF only:** Open University. 6.35am until 6.55 Poetry: the Radical 1790s.

## Radio 2

On medium wave.† also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 9.00pm) Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00am Colin Berry.† 8.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young. His guest is Stuart Young, chairman of the BBC Board of Governors.† 1.05pm Sport Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford incl 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. Racing from Cheltenham: 2.50 Queen Mother Champion Steeplechase. 3.30 Music All The Way† incl 4.20 Sports Desk. Racing from Cheltenham: 4.05 Sun Alliance Steeplechase. 4.10 David Hamilton† incl 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† incl 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified results MF only. 8.00 String Sound.† 8.30 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition. Round two of the knock-out contest, presented by Brian Hoey. 9.15 Listen to the Band with Charlie Chester. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Cambridge Buskers. Their busking guest are The Surfmoms. 10.15 The Life of Jim (Jimmy Edwards). 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Nightride.† 3.00 Cynthia Glover Sings.† 3.30-4.00 Vintage Sporting Years (1953).†

## Radio 1

On medium wave.† also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies (direct from the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition). 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 m John Peel.† **VHF RADIOS 1 & 2:** 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

## WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Report On Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Mainstream. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Kicking up the Sawdust. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Time Remembered. 10.30 My World. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Handel and the Oratorio. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Classical Guitar. 3.30 Yes Minister. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 5.35 Waveguide. 6.00 World News. 9.15 Album Time. 9.45 Recording Of The Week. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Yes Minister. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Foreign Correspondents 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

**FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; **LBC** 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; **BBC Radio London** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service** MF 648kHz/463m.

**BBC1 WALES.** 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio. 11.35-11.40 News and weather. **SCOTLAND:** 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 7.40-8.10 Superscot '85. 9.55-11.10 Sportscene. 11.35-11.40 News and weather. **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Grange Hill. 11.35-11.40 News and weather. **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

**S4C** Starts: 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 SWALK. 2.00 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd a Ble? 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.15 Year of the French. 4.15 Irish Angle. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Pwl. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Dilyn Yr Og. 8.00 Coblyn. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.05 Film: Mother, Jugs and Speed (Raquel Welch). 10.50 Diverse Reports. 11.20 Black on Black. 12.20am Closedown.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.25am News, Closedown.

## REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

**TYNE TEES** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bygones. 1.20 News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 5.15-5.45 Madabout. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.25am I've Got News For You, Closedown.

**ULSTER** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Portraits of Power: Elizabeth II. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.25am News, Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Health Club. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.25am Closedown.

**CHANNEL** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Teachers Only. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Phyllis Diller Show. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Home Cookery Club. 12.25am Closedown.

**ANGLIA** As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.25am Candles in the Dark, Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Wild Winter. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.25am Closedown.

**CENTRAL** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure. 1.20 News. 1.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 5.15-5.45 Newshound. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.25am Closedown.

**TSW** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Teachers Only. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.25-2.30 Home Cookery Club. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Scene South West. 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

**SCOTTISH** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35-3.00 Film: Pursuit (Ben Gazzara). 3.30-4.00 Report Back. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 12.25am Late Call, Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 It's a Vet s Life. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Gambit. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.25am News, Closedown.

**TVS** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Mr & Mrs. 2.00 Problem Page. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.30 Company, Closedown.

**HTV WEST** As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Benson. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Simon & Simon. 5.15-5.45 Three Little Words. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.25am Closedown.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN

† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

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# Left loses 'quit Nato' policy vote at NEC

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

Left-wing members of Labour's National Executive Committee, led by Mr Tony Benn, yesterday renewed their campaign, frustrated last year, to commit the party to withdrawal from Nato.

In a paper presented to the party's international committee, Mr Benn, MP for Chesterfield, and Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, each a long-serving NEC member and former party chairman, argued that an incoming Labour government would not be able to implement its present defence policy, of remaining in Nato while renouncing nuclear weapons, and that those who said that the policy was inherently contradictory were right.

The Benn-Heffer paper was rejected by nine votes to five, after Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said that nobody could support it who wished to preserve the unity of the party or to win the next election.

Mr Neil Kinnock, who last week visited Nato headquarters in Belgium and publicly reasserted his party's continuing commitment to membership, was unable to attend since he had to be in the Commons before flying to Moscow.

The paper states a 12-point case for "reopening the question" of Nato membership, which leads at once to the conclusion that a fresh policy statement, designed to prepare the way for withdrawal, should be put in hand as soon as possible.

It acknowledges that to reopen the question "would be divisive and might harm Labour's prospects of re-election"; and that public opinion "may not be able to countenance so radical a change" after nearly forty years when Nato membership was part of the all-party consensus.

But on the other side Mr Benn and Mr Heffer argue that "Nato is dominated by the United States and is seen in Washington as a way of maintaining American hegemony in Europe. The reality of the so-called special relationship with the United States is that we are a client state."





# Big flutter over Little Crake

More than 600 birdwatchers have been to see and photograph a Little Crake, a rare visitor whose breeding grounds are in Eastern Europe, since it arrived at the Seven Sisters Country Park, near Seaford, East Sussex, on March 2.

The small brown female bird, a semi-wader, is described as an off-course migrant which probably wintered in North Africa and lost its way during spring migration. A spokesman at the South-east regional office of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said: "It is very tame and feeding most contentedly.

"Off-course migrants often make the same mistake again and land in the same place in southern England year after year"

(Photographs: Suresh Karadia).

# Leader approves tactics

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of confidentiality," said Mr Kampelman in a brief statement which said little else accept that the first session had been "serious and business-like." This means as during the previous rounds of Geneva talks, there will be no leaks to the press, at least during the initial stages of the talks.

The two sides are to meet again in formal session tomorrow. Although many procedural matters have still to be worked out it is expected they will meet twice a week in formal session, probably on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As the talks were getting under way the 10-member Senate observer team held a press conference to voice bi-partisan support for the American negotiating team.

Their presence in Geneva is intended to send a signal to the Russians that any agreement that may be reached will have to be approved by the Senate before ratification.

Senator Sam Nunn, a member of the Armed Services Committee pointedly observed that the senate had refused to ratify three arms agreements during the 1970s, including SALT II.

# Gorbachov dialogue

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stop work for five minutes to sound a salute of hooters.

Tributes were respectful but low-key yesterday, and, in contrast to the deaths of Brezhnev and Andropov, the late leader's black-edged portrait was on an inside page of *Pravda*. The front page was dominated by the picture of Mr Gorbachov.

Other foreign leaders in Moscow include Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, President Zia of Pakistan and President Karmal of Afghanistan.

The Pope will be represented by two lay Catholics.

Other arrivals yesterday included Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, President Koivisto of Finland and Señor Perez de Cuéllar, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

● HAVANA: President Castro of Cuba will not attend the funeral, but will be represented by his younger brother, Raul, the Defence Minister, it was officially announced here yesterday (Reuter reports).

● WASHINGTON, – The White House welcomed the tone of Mr Gorbachov's acceptance speech

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# Israeli toll reaches 14 after 2 die in ambush

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and two wounded in southern Lebanon yesterday when their convoy was raked by automatic gunfire from an orchard close to the Qasmieh Bridge, near the mouth of the Litani River.

The ambush brought to 14 the number of Israelis killed inside occupied Lebanon this week.

In two separate attacks, five Israeli soldiers were injured. One was thrown from his Jeep when a suicide car bomb exploded prematurely before hitting an Israeli convoy. Four were wounded in the same spot when a booby-trapped bomb exploded on the road leading south from Jezzine.

A few hours after the shooting, Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, reacted angrily to calls for an accelerated withdrawal from Lebanon. He told the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee that the hysterical reaction after Sunday's suicide car bomb attack, near Metulla had only added to the "terrorists" prestige.

Mr Victor Shemtov, a leader of the left-wing Mapam opposition party, argued that the pullback should take place within a month. His attempt to force a vote was defeated.

However, Israel Radio quoted Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, as saying that the Cabinet might consider an early pullout from Shia Muslim areas.

Yesterday Mr Rabin flew to Lebanon to congratulate personally soldiers who took part in Monday's raid on the Shia Muslim village of Zrariye. "You did very good work, the operation was first-rate and I am certain that those who want to strike at us will remember it well."

● BEIRUT: The people of Zrariye gathered yesterday to bury the men killed when Israeli troops stormed into their village. Bodies wrapped in plastic were lowered into mass graves and a leading Shia Muslim cleric, Sheikh Abdul-Amir Qabalan, urged villagers to avenge them (Our Correspondent writes).

Letter from Moscow

# Annual ritual at the Hall of Columns

The routine of the lying in state at the Hall of Colums and the funeral on Red Square has become so familiar that it seems like an anuual ritual. There was no real sense of the opening of a new era yesterday, as there was when Andropov finally succeeded Brezhnev two-and-a-half years ago. The atmosphere of the changeover from Chernenko to Gorbachov was more like that of the transition from Andropov to Chernenko just over a year ago.

As on previous occasions, the centre of the city was completely sealed off yesterday and we had to thread our way through cordons of police and KGB troops to reach the late eighteenth century Hall of Coloumns, which stands on the corner of Karl Marx Prospect, dwarfed by the giant bulk of the Stalinist Hotel Moskva and Gosplan, the state planning committee.

Once again, as if in some recurrent dream (or nightmare), a long queue of handpicked factory and office workers bussed in for the event shuffled slowly through freezing rain under leaden skies toward the classicla green and white portico.

But security measures seemed fairly relaxed. Although there was a heavy police presence, they were not patrolling vigilantly in a big show of force or lining up citizens in side streets for document checks, as I saw happening after the death of Brezhnev in 1982. Instead, there was relief that the era of gerontocracy was coming to an end, and a young and healthy man was finally at the helm.

"At least we won't have to go through this for another twenty years", murmered one Western reporter as he puffed up the elegant staircase of the former Moscow Nobleman's Club beneath huge chandeliers draped with black crepe toward the old ballroom where Konstantin Chernenko lay in state on a flower-covered bier, his medals at his feet.

He looked in death much as he had in life, his Siberian features framed beneath the familiar shock of snow white hair. As a full orchestra played mournful music his widow, Anna Dmitrievna, sat with their daughter and other relatives to one side.

With the overpowering odour of flowers and wreaths, the hothouse atmosphere of the overheated hall and presence of the military officers keeping vigil, there was a distinct sense of *deja vu*. "The generation that made its careers under Stalin is passing away", one observer said.

President Chernenko was not by any means the last representative of the old guard. Nikolai Tikhonov is aged 79, Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, is aged 75, even Vyacheslav Molotov, Stalin's Foreign Minister, is alive and well at 90, and was recently rehabilitated.

But the death of Chernenko seemed somehow symbolic of the change of generations, and even if there was no palpable drama, the almost indecent speed and ruthless efficiency with which Mr Mikhail Gorbachov was installed as the new General Secretary showed that the younger generation's time had come.

"Gorbachov and others like him grew up in a different world where education and rising living standards and expectations were taken for granted. Their formative years were the years of the Sputnik, Khruschev and Kennedy and the beginnings of detente.

Few Russians, however, as they gazed at the portrait of Gorbachov on the front page of *Pravda* yesterday were deceived into thinking that the new leader was anything other than a party *apparatchik* in the traditional mould, whose reformist ideas are strictly limited by the Marxist-Leninist framework he has inherited.

In his speech of acceptance, Mr Gorbachov hoped the fortieth anniversary of "the great victory over Hitler fascism" in May would be an occasion for the former wartime allies of East and West to establish good relations. Few would argue with that. But younger Russians, at least, are hoping that he will begin his administration with an eye on the future rather than the past.

**Richard Owen**

## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

## Today's events

### Royal engagements

Princess Anne visits the National Heart Hospital, Westmoreland St, 10.30; and later, as Chancellor of the University of London, attends a presentation ceremony, Royal Albert Hall, 2.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary Freeman, The Vintners' Company, attends a court luncheon, Vintners' Hall, London, 1; and later attends the film premiere of *Carmen*, in aid of St John's Ambulance London District, Lumiere Cinema, St Martin's Lane, 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent visits Exeter: she opens the Clifton Hill Sports Hall, 11.45; and later opens the Exeter and Devon Arts Centre, 2.15 and then visits Branch House, 3.15.

### New Exhibitions

Writers and Musicians: photographic portraits by Tara Heinemann and Caroline Forbes; The Arts Centre, Bampton, Oxon; Tues to Sat 10.30 to 1 and 2.30 to 5; Sun 2.30 to 4, closed Mon and Wed (ends March 31).

Handwoven rugs by M. S. Boyle, Ellen Broome, Lisa Gracey and David Hands; Glebe House, Main St, Ripley, Harrogate; Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends April 4).

### Music

Recital by Paul Morgan (organ and harpsichord), Peter Allsop (baroque violin) and Vivian Summers (bass-baritone); Throwleigh Church, Nr Okehampton, Devon, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Baroque Ensemble, Henry Wood Hall, Glasgow, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra; Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 7.45.

Concert by the Northern Sinfonia: Newcastle City Hall, 7.45.

Concert by the Choir of Worcester Polytechnic, Massachusetts; Canterbury Cathedral, 7.30.

Recital by Vanessa Scott (soprano), Stephen Rhys-Williams (baritone) and Timothy Barratt (piano); Free Church, St Ives, Cambridge, 7.30.

Bach-Handel Festival: concert by Cambridge University Musical Society; Music Faculty Concert Hall, West Rd, Cambridge, 8.

### Talks, lectures

England and France: how cordiale has the entente been over the centuries? by Geoffrey Taylor; Tonbridge Parish Church Centre, Church Lane, 8.30.

Peruvian journey, by G. Ulmanis; Totley Library, 205 Baslow Rd, Sheffield, 7.30.

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on breach of privilage complaint against *The Times*. Motion on Local Government (Prescribed Expenditure) (Amendment) Order.

Lords (2.30: Representation of the People Bill, second reading.

## Bird count

The Seabird Group, which is closely linked to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the British Ornithologists Union and the British Trust for Ornithology, seeks volunteers for help in its attempt to count all the breeding seabirds on Britain's coastline this summer. Its last major survey was in 1970; data from this one will be computerised to form a register of breeding sites. Details from The Seabird Group (BSR), c/o RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Beds, SG19 2DL.

The RSPB is also working up to its annual "migration phone-in", and asks all concerned to note sightings of summer migrant species. You will be asked how you recognized your migrants, where they were and when you saw them. And you will be told how they fit in with the pattern across the country." Each Tuesday evening, 5.30 to 7.30, between March 19 and May 14, as follows:

England: Sandy, Beds., 0767-80551; Droitwich, 0905-770581; Newcastle, 0632-324148; Exeter, 0392-32691; Norwich, 0603-615920; Shoreham, Sussex, 07917-63842; Huddersfield, 0484-36331; Lincoln, 0522-25595. Northern Ireland: Belfast, 0232-852547. Eire: Dublin 875755. Scotland: Edinburgh, 031-556 5624 or 556 9042. Wales: Newtown, 0686-27219.

## New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

**A Japanese Mirror, Heroes and Villains of Japanese Culture**, by Ian Buruma (Cape, £9.95)

**Music and Civilization, Essays in Honour of Paul Henry Lang**, edited by Edmond Strainchamps and Maria Rika Maniates (Norton, £16)

**Patron of Art**, by Walter Hussey (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95)

**The Ashanti Ring, Sir Garnet Wolseley's Campaigns 1870-1882**, by Leigh Maxwell (Secker & Warburg, £12.95)

**The English Room**, by Derry Moore and Michael Pick (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95)

**The Flowering of the Middle Ages**, edited by Joan Evans (Thames & Hudson, £18)

**The Metropolitan Opera Stories of the Great Operas**, by John W. Freeman (Norton, £14.95)

**The Oxter English Dictionary**, Uncommon Words used by Uncommonly Good Writers, by George Stone Saussy III (Facts on File, £10.95)

**The Thames & Hudson Dictionary of Arts and Artists**, edited by Herbert Read and Nikos Stangos (Thames & Hudson, £10.50)

**Understanding Wittgenstein**, by J.F.M. Hunter (Edinburgh University, £20).

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## Roads

**Wales and West: A38:** Lane closures on both carriageways between Plymouth and Exeter at Marsh Mills viaduct; north and southbound lane closures at Kennford. **A470:** Lane closures on southbound carriageway at Cross Inn near Cardiff; delays likely. **A4173:** Stroud Rd, Gloucester, closed to southbound vehicles; diversion signposted; northbound unaffected.

**The North: A1:** Resurfacing delaying traffic in both directions at Wetherby roundabout, Yorkshire. **A64:** Contraflow due to roadworks between York and Tadcaster, N Yorkshire. **M6:** Erection of overhead power cables involves lane closures at junction 29 (Bamberbridge, Lancashire); diversion signposted.

**Scotland: A7:** Single line traffic with lights (24hrs) one mile S of Hawick. **A85:** Traffic control at three locations between 2 and 5 miles E of Dalmally, Argyll. **A82:** Road subsidence 1½ miles S of Ardlui; single line traffic.

## The pound

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.52 | 1.54 |
| Austria Sch | 26.35 | 25.15 |
| Belgium Fr | 75.90 | 72.40 |
| Canada $ | 1.575 | 1.495 |
| Denmark Kr | 13.42 | 12.83 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.85 | 7.48 |
| France Fr | 11.44 | 10.94 |
| Germany DM | 3.75 | 3.58 |
| Greece Dr | 181.00 | 152.00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 8.85 | 8.35 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.22 | 1.16 |
| Italy Lire | 2345.00 | 2235.00 |
| Japan Yen | 297.00 | 281.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 4.25 | 4.05 |
| Norway Kr | 10.80 | 10.30 |
| Portugal Esc | 204.00 | 194.00 |
| South Africa Rd | 2.55 | 2.25 |
| Spain Pta | 206.00 | 196.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.68 | 10.18 |
| Switzerland Fr | 3.19 | 3.05 |
| USA $ | 1.13 | 1.08 |
| Yugoslavia Dar | 282.00 | 266.00 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 359.8.

London: The *FT* index closed up 1.2 at 990.4.

## Anniversaries

Births: **Joseph Priestley**, clergyman and scientist, Birstall, Yorkshire, 1733; **Charles**, 2nd Earl Grey, prime minister 1830-34, Falloden, Northumberland, 1764; **Hugo Wolf**, composer of lieder, Windischgraz, Austria (Slovent Gradec, Yugoslavia), 1860; Sir **Hugh Walpole**, Auckland, New Zealand, 1884.

Deaths: **Benjamin Harrison**, 23rd president of the USA 1889-93, Indianapolis, 1901; **Angela Brazil**, writer of girls' school stories, Coventry, 1947.

## The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the increase in prescription charges, says that although 75 per cent of patients don't pay for prescriptions that still leaves 80 million prescriptions paid for, mainly by families on modest incomes. It adds: "We don't doubt that the seriously ill will still seek the treatment they need. But the new charges will almost certainly deter many people from seeking preventive treatment – which is why dentists are so alarmed. To that extent, Mr Fowler has imposed a tax on our health, by pretending otherwise, he is fooling no one but himself."

The Daily Mirror says that the Government is "privatising the National Health Service by the back door" and adds that with prescriptions at £2 an item "the concept of a free or even cheap health service has disappeared". The paper adds: "If health once again is to depend upon wealth, the Government would have destroyed the noblest service this country has ever known."

The Daily Express says that sentences passed on the ring leaders of the gang known as "the Black Posse" are totally inadequate. The paper adds: "Think of the girls who bravely gave evidence to bring these monsters to justice. And think of those too terrified to testify. They must all fear a dreadful vengeance."

## Snow reports

| | Depth (cm) L | U | Piste | Conditions Off Piste | Runs to resort | Weather (5 pm) | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andorra-Soldeu | 60 | 180 | excellent | powder | good | snow | –4 |
| Snow for 36 hours, very good skiing | | | | | | | |
| Arosa | 90 | 130 | good | powder | good | fine | –2 |
| Good skiing | | | | | | | |
| Courmayeur | 150 | 335 | good | powder | good | cloud | 0 |
| New snow on good base | | | | | | | |
| Grindelwald | 30 | 100 | icy | heavy | worn | snow | –1 |
| Light snowfalls for last 6 hours | | | | | | | |
| Igls | 15 | 80 | good | fair | fair | sun | 0 |
| New snowfalls on good base | | | | | | | |
| Isola 2000 | 175 | 255 | good | varied | good | snow | –4 |
| Snowing lightly, high winds, quite cold | | | | | | | |
| Leysin | 15 | 65 | worn | spring | poor | fine | 6 |
| Icy before midday | | | | | | | |
| Megève | 40 | 140 | icy | crust | fair | cloud | 3 |
| Upper slopes good, lower fair | | | | | | | |
| Murren | 80 | 210 | good | varied | fair | fine | –1 |
| Bare patches on lower slopes | | | | | | | |
| Val Thorens | 100 | 200 | good | powder | good | sun | –5 |
| Powder on hard base | | | | | | | |

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. Other snow reports page 23.

## Weather forecast

**A trough of low pressure will continue to move S over S parts of England and a NW airstream will become established over all areas.**

### 6am to midnight

**London, SE, central S, SW England, East Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands:** Cloudy with rain in places at first, sunny periods developing; wind SW becoming NW light or moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

**E, central N England, W Midlands, S Wales:** Mostly dry, sunny periods developing; wind NW moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

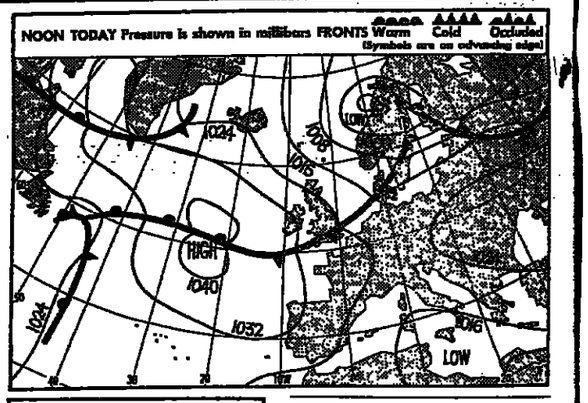
**N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highland, Northern Ireland:** Dry at first with sunny intervals, scattered showers developing, wintry over high ground later; wind W to N W moderate or fresh; max temp 9C (48F).

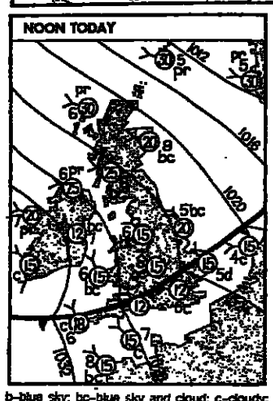
**NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Mostly dry with sunny intervals, perhaps a few showers over exposed coasts and hills later; wind W or NW moderate or fresh; max temp 8C (46F).

**NE NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** Showers or longer periods of rain or sleet with snow over high ground; wind W or NW fresh or strong; max temp 7C (45F).

**Outlook for tomorrow and Friday:** Becomig colder generally with sunny intervals and showers and perhaps more general sleet or snow in the N on Friday.

**SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E):** Wind N light or moderate, fair; visibility moderate or good; sea slight. **St George's Channel:** Wind NW fresh or strong, showers; visibility moderate or good; sea moderate locally rough.




b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; l–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

Sun rises: 6.20 am Sun sets: 6.02 pm

Moon rises: 1.50 am Moon sets: 9.18 am

Last Quarter 5.34 pm.

## Lighting-up time

London 6.32 pm to 5.47 am
Bristol 6.41 pm to 5.57 am
Edinburgh 6.42 pm to 6.01 am
Manchester 6.38 pm to 5.56 am
Penzance 6.54 pm to 6.08 am

## Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | f | 7 | 45 | Guernsey | s | 7 | 45 |
| Birmingham | s | 8 | 48 | Inverness | c | 9 | 48 |
| Blackpool | c | 6 | 43 | Jersey | f | 7 | 45 |
| Bristol | s | 8 | 46 | London | s | 8 | 46 |
| Cardiff | s | 10 | 50 | Manchester | f | 6 | 43 |
| Edinburgh | f | 9 | 48 | Newcastle | f | 8 | 46 |
| Glasgow | r | 7 | 45 | Ronaldsway | f | 8 | 46 |

## London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6 pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.00in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1031.2 millibars.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

## Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Southampton 12C (54F); lowest day max: Margate 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Tiree 0.14in; highest sunshine: Torquay 10.9hr.

## High tides

TODAY

| | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 6.0 | 8.7 | 6.32 | 9.3 |
| Aberdeen | 5.47 | 3.5 | 6.18 | 3.7 |
| Avonmouth | 11.32 | 11.4 | 11.56 | 10.7 |
| Belfast | 3.22 | 3.1 | 3.59 | 3.3 |
| Cardiff | 11.17 | 10.6 | 11.41 | 10.0 |
| Devonport | 10 03 | 4.8 | 10.24 | 4.7 |
| Dover | 3.12 | 6 1 | 3.41 | 5.7 |
| Falmouth | 9.33 | 4.6 | 9.54 | 4.5 |
| Glasgow | 5.10 | 4.6 | 5.27 | 4.7 |
| Harwich | 3.55 | 3.7 | 4.30 | 3.4 |
| Holyhead | 2.27 | 4.9 | 3.04 | 4.8 |
| Hull | 10 41 | 6.6 | 11.06 | 6.6 |
| Ilfracombe | 10.17 | 7.9 | 10.42 | 7.5 |
| Leith | 7.09 | 4.9 | 7.39 | 4.9 |
| Liverpool | 3.22 | 8.4 | 3 49 | 8.2 |
| Lowestoft | 1 40 | 2.4 | 2.15 | 1.9 |
| Margate | 4.02 | 4.6 | 4.38 | 4.2 |
| Milford Haven | 10 38 | 6.0 | 11.05 | 5 7 |
| Newquay | 9.35 | 6 1 | 10.03 | 5.8 |
| Oban | 8.50 | 3.1 | 10.23 | 3.0 |
| Penzance | 8.15 | 4.8 | 8.38 | 4.7 |
| Portland | 11.00 | 1.6 | 11.20 | 1.5 |
| Portsmouth | 3.43 | 4 4 | 4.14 | 4 1 |
| Shoreham | 3 13 | 5.8 | 3.43 | 5.4 |
| Southampton | 3.08 | 4.3 | 3.40 | 4 0 |
| Swansea | 10 40 | 8.3 | 11.08 | 7.8 |
| Tees | 8 12 | 4.5 | 8.42 | 4.6 |
| Walton-on-Naze | 3.46 | 4.0 | 4.20 | 3.8 |

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

## Around Britain

| | Sun hr | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EAST COAST | | | | | |
| Scarboro | 8.7 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Bridlington | 8.7 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Cromer | 6.7 | – | 8 | 46 | Sunny |
| Lowestoft | 4 2 | – | 5 | 41 | Sunny pm |
| Clacton | 5.9 | – | 6 | 43 | Sunny pm |
| Margate | – | – | 5 | 41 | Sunny pm |
| SOUTH COAST | | | | | |
| Folkestone | 6.7 | – | 7 | 45 | Sunny pm |
| Hastings | 7.6 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Eastbourne | 7 8 | – | 8 | 48 | Sunny |
| Brighton | – | – | 8 | 46 | Sunny |
| Worthing | 9.0 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Littlehmptn | | | | | |
| Bognor R | 9.4 | – | 7 | 45 | Sunny |
| Southsea | 9.6 | – | 7 | 45 | Sunny |
| Sandown | 9.8 | – | 8 | 48 | Sunny |
| Shanklin | 9.4 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Bournemth | 9.3 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Poole | 9.7 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Swanage | 9.9 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Weymouth | 9.4 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Exmouth | 9.8 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Teignmouth | 9.2 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Torquay | 10 9 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Falmouth | 8 4 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Penzance | 9 0 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Jersey | 10 1 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Guernsey | 10 5 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| WEST COAST | | | | | |
| Scilly Isles | 9 6 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Newquay | 8.3 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Ilfracombe | 9.5 | – | 8 | 46 | Sunny |
| Tenby | 7.6 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Cwlwyn Bay | 8.1 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Morecambe | 2.5 | – | 7 | 45 | Cloudy |
| Douglas | 4.0 | – | 9 | 48 | Cloudy pm |
| ENGLAND AND WALES | | | | | |
| London (Ctrl) | 7.8 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| B'ham (Airpt) | 9.3 | – | 11 | 52 | Sunny |
| Bristol (Ctrl) | 9.5 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Cardiff (Ctrl) | 9.3 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny |
| Anglesey | | | | | |
| S'pool (Airpt) | 5.3 | – | 8 | 46 | Fog am |
| Manchester | 4.7 | – | 9 | 48 | Fog am |
| Nottingham | 9.2 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| N'cstl-n-Tyne | 9.2 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny |
| Carlisle | 4.2 | – | 9 | 48 | Sunny am |
| SCOTLAND | | | | | |
| Eskdalemuir | 1.4 | .01 | 7 | 45 | Rain pm |
| Prestwick | 1.2 | .01 | 9 | 48 | Rain |
| Glasgow | 0.3 | .01 | 9 | 48 | Rain |
| Tiree | 0.3 | .14 | 9 | 48 | Rain |
| Stornoway | 1.1 | .13 | 11 | 52 | Rain |
| Lerwick | 0.1 | .06 | 8 | 46 | Showers |
| Wick | 2.2 | – | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Kinloss | 0.4 | – | 11 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Aberdeen | 4.6 | – | 10 | 50 | Bright |
| St. Andrews | 2.9 | – | 10 | 50 | Sunny am |
| Edinburgh | 1.8 | – | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| NORTHERN IRELAND | | | | | |
| Belfast | 2.2 | – | 10 | 50 | Bright am |

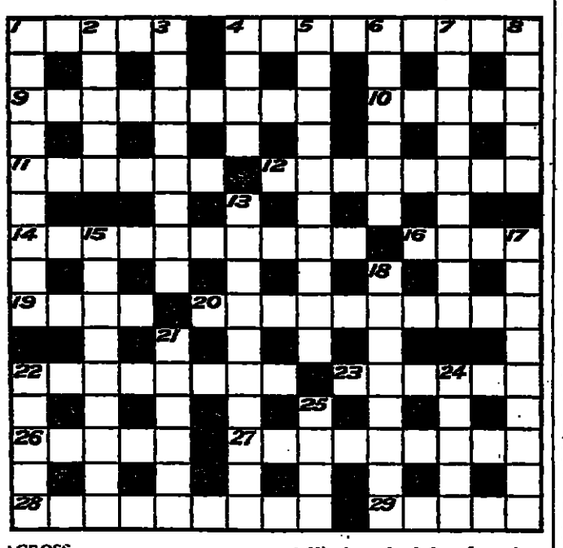
## Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

| | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | s | 12 | 54 | s | 6 | 43 |
| Akrotiri | s | 19 | 66 | c | 0 | 32 |
| Alexandria* | f | 18 | 64 | c | 13 | 55 |
| Algiers | r | 11 | 52 | c | 9 | 48 |
| Amsterdam | s | 5 | 41 | c | 11 | 52 |
| Athens | f | 12 | 54 | s | 18 | 64 |
| Bahrain | s | 19 | 66 | c | 9 | 48 |
| Barbados* | c | 26 | 79 | s | 6 | 43 |
| Barcelona | f | 8 | 46 | f | 17 | 63 |
| Beirut | s | 18 | 64 | s | 4 | 39 |
| Belgrade | f | 3 | 37 | s | 16 | 61 |
| Berlin | s | 3 | 37 | c | 2 | 36 |
| Bermuda | | | | c | 15 | 59 |
| Biarritz | c | 7 | 45 | f | 4 | 39 |
| Boulogne | c | 3 | 37 | f | 6 | 43 |
| Bordeaux | c | 5 | 41 | s | 33 | 91 |
| Brussels | f | 3 | 37 | r | 21 | 70 |
| Budapest | f | 4 | 39 | s | 30 | 86 |
| Buen Aires* | s | 20 | 68 | s | 22 | 72 |
| Cairo | s | 23 | 73 | s | 14 | 57 |
| Cape Tn | s | 24 | 75 | c | 7 | 45 |
| C'blanca | s | 17 | 63 | s | 15 | 59 |
| Chicago* | c | 8 | 46 | a | 4 | 39 |
| Ch'church* | | | | s | 11 | 52 |
| Cologne | s | 6 | 43 | c | 0 | 32 |
| Copenhgn | c | 0 | 32 | s | 15 | 61 |
| Corfu | c | 13 | 55 | f | 17 | 63 |
| Dublin | c | 9 | 48 | c | 9 | 48 |
| Dubrovnik | c | 11 | 52 | s | 20 | 68 |
| Faro | s | 18 | 64 | s | 28 | 82 |
| Florence | c | 9 | 48 | c | 7 | 45 |
| Frankfurt | s | 6 | 43 | c | 4 | 39 |
| Funchal | f | 17 | 63 | c | –3 | 27 |
| Geneva | s | 4 | 39 | c | 0 | 32 |
| Gibraltar | s | 16 | 61 | s | 26 | 79 |
| Helsinki | c | 2 | 36 | s | 28 | 82 |
| Hong Kong | c | 15 | 59 | s | 30 | 86 |
| Innsbruck | f | 4 | 39 | f | 15 | 59 |
| Istanbul | f | 6 | 43 | n | 12 | 54 |
| Jiddah | s | 33 | 91 | c | 3 | 37 |
| Jo'burg* | r | 21 | 70 | s | 7 | 45 |
| Karachi | s | 30 | 86 | s | 11 | 52 |
| Las Palmas | s | 22 | 72 | s | 28 | 82 |
| Lisbon | s | 14 | 57 | s | 9 | 48 |
| Locarno | c | 7 | 45 | s | 3 | 37 |
| L Angeles* | s | 15 | 59 | s | 18 | 64 |
| Luxembg | a | 4 | 39 | s | 26 | 79 |
| Madrid | s | 11 | 52 | s | 27 | 81 |
| Majorca | f | 10 | 50 | s | 26 | 79 |
| Malaga | s | 15 | 61 | s | 22 | 72 |
| Malta | f | 17 | 63 | s | 22 | 72 |
| Melbourne | r | 25 | 77 | s | 22 | 72 |
| Mexico C* | s | 20 | 68 | f | 12 | 54 |
| Miami* | s | 28 | 82 | s | 22 | 72 |
| Milan | c | 7 | 45 | s | 1 | 34 |
| Montreal* | c | –4 | 39 | s | 6 | 43 |
| Moscow | c | –3 | 27 | s | 1 | 34 |
| Munich | c | 0 | 32 | s | 6 | 43 |
| Nairobi | s | 26 | 79 | s | 18 | 64 |
| Naples | f | 12 | 54 | s | 22 | 72 |
| New Delhi | s | 30 | 86 | s | 22 | 72 |
| New York* | f | 15 | 59 | s | 5 | 41 |
| Nice | n | 12 | 54 | s | 9 | 48 |
| Oslo | f | 3 | 37 | c | 15 | 59 |
| Paris | s | 7 | 45 | s | 13 | 55 |
| Peking | s | 11 | 52 | s | 9 | 48 |
| Perth | s | 28 | 82 | r | 9 | 48 |
| Prague | s | 3 | 37 | s | 3 | 37 |
| Reykjavik | sn | 1 | 34 | s | 1 | 34 |
| Rhodes | s | 16 | 61 | s | 15 | 59 |
| Riyadh | s | 26 | 79 | | | |
| Rio de Jan | c | 27 | 81 | | | |
| Rome | c | 11 | 52 | | | |
| Salzburg | s | 4 | 39 | | | |
| Sao Paulo* | c | 27 | 81 | | | |
| S Francisco* | f | 12 | 54 | | | |
| Santiago* | s | 27 | 81 | | | |
| Seoul | f | 6 | 43 | | | |
| Singapore | f | 31 | 88 | | | |
| Stockholm | c | 4 | 39 | | | |
| Strasbourg | f | 5 | 41 | | | |
| Sydney | s | 26 | 79 | | | |
| Tangier | s | 18 | 64 | | | |
| Tel Aviv | s | 22 | 72 | | | |
| Tenerife | s | 22 | 72 | | | |
| Tokyo | s | 5 | 41 | | | |
| Toronto* | s | 9 | 48 | | | |
| Tunis | c | 15 | 59 | | | |
| Valencia | r | 13 | 55 | | | |
| Vancouver* | s | 6 | 43 | | | |
| Venice | r | 9 | 46 | | | |
| Vienna | s | 3 | 37 | | | |
| Warsaw | s | 1 | 34 | | | |
| Washington* | c | 15 | 59 | | | |
| Wellington* | | | | | | |
| Zurich | c | 2 | 59 | | | |

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,684



ACROSS

1 Heating supplier starting row in Talbot House (5).
4 Insular type had beer in strange resort (9).
9 Toleration uncharacteristic of Feste's youth (9).
10 What makes a spread? This can! (5).
11 Short lines in article put in wrong order (6).
12 Take off, then let's sort out the pins (8).
14 In return, one-fourteenth of the preceding number (10).
16 Tower maintenance (4).
19 Emulate Chibiabos and spill the beans? (4).
20 Complain about new Thespian backer (10).
22 Three small boys, saint-like perhaps (8).
23 Draught, say, of Sindbad's first boat (6).
26 Breaking down, as lots are said to be (5).
27 Boys of the old brigades who got lost in Assyria? (9).
28 Met in turn, possibly, to secure food (9).
29 Weight of cobbler's raw material (5).

DOWN

1 He's taken in to sign a reference book (9).
2 Drama school right for a position-seeker (5).
3 Tune for wind duo (8).
4 Hired man's pledge of marriage (4).
5 Mole makes sudden dash to river, possibly (10).
6 Urge to be seen, say (6).
7 Lively film is about gold? That's a point (9).
8 Between them, partners share a single office (5).
13 Rook carries warning to Jack's place (10).
15 Tense understudy gets cramp (9).
17 In a word, a light article on the Church, maybe (9).
18 Some developments occur in this state of ignorance (8).
21 Cut down gentle little imp initially raised by wolves (6).
22 Violinist missing in one sequel – not a convert (5).
24 Time for some movement (5).
25 Student in special clothing suitable for some 27 (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,683



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## Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

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